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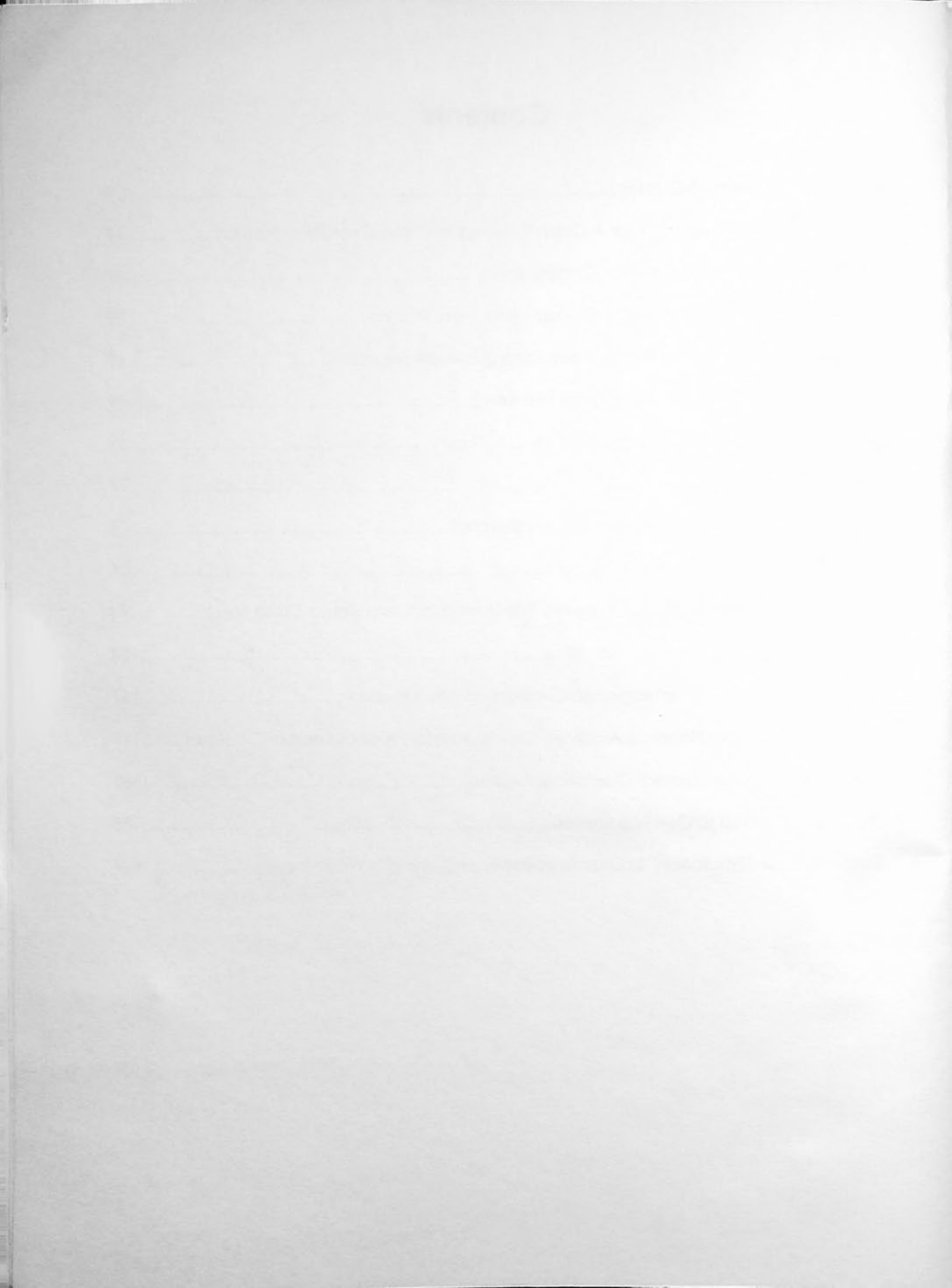
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# Famous UFO-Related Quotes

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## Sir Winston Churchill



**“What does all this stuff about flying saucers amount to? What can it mean? What is the truth?”**

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## President Harry S. Truman



**“I can assure you that flying saucers, given that they exist, are not constructed by any power on earth.”**

Source- April 4, 1950, White house press conference.

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## President Dwight D. Eisenhower



"In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."

Source: January 17, 1961 address

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## President John. F. Kennedy



"I would like you to assume personally the initiative and central responsibility within the government for the development of a program of substantive cooperation with the soviet union in the field of outer space, including the development of specific technical proposals."

- November 12, 1963, National Security Memorandum #271 Sent to James Webb, Administrator, NASA

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## President Gerald Ford



"...I strongly recommend that there be a commitment to investigation of the UFO phenomenon. I think we owe it to the people to establish credibility regarding ufos and to product the greatest possible enlightenment on this subject."

Letter sent as a congressmen to the chairman of the armed services committee, March 28, 1966

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## President Ronald Regan



**"I occasionally think how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish if we were facing an Alien threat from outside this world."**

Addressing the United Nations General Assembly, 1987

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## President William J. Clinton



**"I want you to find the answers to two questions for me. One, Who killed JFK? And two, are there UFOs?"**

Lest anyone think this was a jest, Hubbell adds:  
**"He - Clinton - was dead serious. I had looked into both, but wasn't satisfied with the answers I was getting."**

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## President Jimmy Carter



**"I don't laugh at people any more when they say they've seen UFOs. I've seen one myself."**

Remarking on his sighting in January '69 on ABC news, January 22, 1999

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## Senator Barry Goldwater



"I made an effort to find out what was in the building at Wright Patterson air force base where the information is stored that has been collected by the Air Force, and I was understandably denied this request. It is still classified Above Top Secret."

Source: In a letter of March 28, 1975

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## Colonel Oliver North



"Well, I haven't seen one [UFO]...I knew a pilot who had, now if that doesn't create confidence..."

7:09 AM CST on Fox News channel, October 14, 2003

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## General Wesley Clark

Democratic Candidate for President



"I still believe in  $E=mc^2$ , but I can't believe that in all of human history, we'll never ever be able to go beyond the speed of light to reach where we want to. I happen to believe that mankind can do it."

Press conference, New Castle New Hampshire September 30, 2003  
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## Governor Howard Dean

Democratic Candidate for President



What's your stance on UFOs, since the government secrecy is very real?

"I'll find out if I get there."

Rally in Boulder, CO October 28, 2003

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## Vice President Dick Cheney



"Well, if I had been briefed on that [UFOs], I am sure it would have been classified."

April 2001, Diane Rehm Talk Show

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## Air Chief Marshall Lord Dowding

Commander-in-Chief Royal AF



"More than 10,000 sightings have been reported, the majority of which cannot be accounted for by any 'scientific' explanation...I am convinced that these objects do exist and they are not manufactured by any nation on earth."

London Sunday Dispatch, July 11, 1954

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## Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter

Rear Admiral, Director of CIA -1947



"It is time for the truth to be brought out. . . Behind the scenes high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about the UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense."

Source: New York Times, February 28, 1960

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## General Nathan Twining

Chairman JCS 1955-1958



"The phenomenon reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious."

September 23, 1947, AF200-20

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## General Douglas MacArthur



"Because of the developments of science, all countries on earth will have to unite to survive and to make a common front against attack by people of other planets. The politics of the future will be cosmic, or interplanetary."

October 8, 1955, New York Times

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Albert M. Chop  
USAF Press Liaison

"The air force has never denied the possibility that interplanetary spacecraft exist. There are many people in the Air Force who believe in UFOs."

Al Chop, former press liaison, United States Air Force quoted in Sightings: UFOs

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Dr. J Allen Hynek

Scientific Consultant to Blue Book



"When the long awaited solution to the UFO problem comes, I believe that it will prove to be not merely the next small step in the march of science, but a mighty and totally unexpected quantum leap.

"I had a job to do, whether right or wrong, to keep the public from getting to excited."

On Camera shortly before his death in 1985

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Dr. J Allen Hynek

Scientific Consultant to Blue Book



"Blue book was now under direct orders to debunk. . . I remember the conversations around the conference table in which it was suggested that Walt Disney or some educational cartoon producer be enlisted in [the] debunking process."

Source: *The Hynek UFO Report*

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## Professor Felix Zigel

Moscow Aviation Institute



"Unidentified flying objects are a very serious subject which we must study fully. We appeal to all viewers to send us details of strange flying craft seen over territories of the soviet union. This is a serious challenge to science and we need the help of all soviet citizens."

Professor Felix Zigel of the Moscow Aviation Institute, Moscow Central Television, 10 November 1967, quoted in *Above Top Secret*

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## Wilbert Smith



"The matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States government, rating higher even than the H-bomb. Flying saucers exist. Their *modus operandi* is unknown but concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Doctor Vannevar Bush."

—Wilbert Smith in a Top Secret Canadian government memorandum, 21 November 1950 quoted in *Above Top Secret*

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## Professor Hermann Oberth

Father of Modern Rocketry



"It is my conclusion that UFOs do exist, are very real, and are spaceships from another or more than one solar system. They are possibly manned by intelligent observers who are members of a race carrying out long-range scientific investigations of our earth for centuries."

Professor Hermann Oberth published in *UFO News* in 1974 quoted in *Above Top Secret*

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## James E. McDonald, Ph.D.



"I speak ...from three years of detailed personal research, involving interviews with more than five hundred witnesses in selected UFO cases, chiefly in the United States. In my opinion, the UFO problem, far from being the 'nonsense problem' it has been labeled by many scientists, constitutes an area of extraordinary scientific interest."

Dr. James McDonald, Professor of atmospheric sciences, senior physicist - quoted in *UFOs: a Scientific Debate*  
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## Lt. Robert M. Jacobs

"For thirty years I've held that image in my mind. What I saw was a circular object that looked like two pie plates put on top of each other with a golf ball on top. It was a classic flying saucer, and it shot a beam of something at our warhead."

Lt. Robert M. Jacobs, U.S. Air Force, quoted in *Sightings: UFOs*

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## Colonel Philip J. Corso

Former Head of the Foreign Technology Desk, US Army R&D, NSC advisor



"I had the evidence that a crash did happen...I ask you this, were you there with me? Did you have the clearances? They can't answer these questions. They simply criticize with no evidence."

On Camera Interview shortly before his death in 1998

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## Astronaut Gordon Cooper



"Several days in a row we sighted groups of metallic, saucer-shaped vehicles at great altitudes over the base [Germany, 1951] and we tried to get close to them, but they were able to change direction faster than our fighters. I do believe UFOs exist and that the truly unexplained ones are from some other technically advanced civilization."

USAF pilot and Astronaut, United Nations UFO debate, 27 November 1978

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## Astronaut Edgar Mitchell, Ph.D.

6<sup>th</sup> Man To Walk Moon



"The evidence points to the fact that Roswell was a real incident and that indeed an alien craft did crash, and the material was recovered from the crash site."

Source: UFOs 50 Years of denials airing on the Learning Channel

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## Author Bernard Newman


Fiction Book -The Flying Saucer - 1948



"With a shrill scream and a blinding green-yellow flash the rockets thudded into the earth. The awe-stricken peoples of the Earth waited breathlessly as the weird hieroglyphics in the bowls of the rockets were deciphered. The message read...earth will be annihilated unless it agrees to forfeit its gold. For once the nations of the earth were shocked into unity."

British Intelligence Asset 1941-42

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## George Filer

**"It isn't a question of whether or not flying saucers exist. The question is, what are they and who do they belong to?"**

—George Filer, Air Force intelligence officer, 1958-1978 quoted in *Sightings: UFOs*

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## Kenneth Arnold, Pilot



**"Being a natural-born American, if it's not made by our science or our Army Air Forces, I am inclined to believe it's of an extra-terrestrial origin."**

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## Harold Puthoff, Ph.D.

Institute for Advanced Studies at Austin



**"The possibility of reduced-time interstellar travel, either by advanced extraterrestrial civilizations at present or ourselves in the future, is not fundamentally constrained by physical principles."**

Source: *Physics Essays*, Volume 9, No. 1, 1996, author of *Fundamentals of Quantum Electronics*

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## General Hap Arnold

Head of the Army Air Forces



"New weapons are on the drawing board which are so terrible that there may not be any more wars. These include "robot, jet-propelled atomic bombs guided by television that find their targets by radar...These Buck Rogers things I'm talking about are not so Buck Rogerish as you might think."

Source: New York Times, August 18, 1945

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## Brigadier General Steven Lovekin



"While working under president Eisenhower, I discovered that Eisenhower had a keen interest in UFOs, but that he came to realize that he had lost control of the subject."

Source: Interview with CSETI, Dr. Greer witnessed by Congressman

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## Brig. Gen. Arthur E. Exon

Exon in 1947 was a Lt. Col at Foreign Technology Division at Wright Field, latter became the base commander



"We heard the material was coming to Wright field. It was brought into our material evaluation labs. I don't know how it arrived but the boys who tested it said it was very unusual."

Source: Randle/Schmitt on the debris recovered at Roswell, NM in 1947.

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## Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Dubose

From 1964-66 he was the Commanding Officer of Wright-Patterson AFB



"After the plane from Roswell arrived with the material, i asked the base commander to personally transport it in a B-26 to Maj. Gen. McMullen in Washington, D.C. The entire operation was conducted under the strictest secrecy. The weather balloon explanation for the material was a cover story to divert the attention of the press."

Source: Brigadier General Thomas Dubose, affidavit, 9/16/01

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## June M. Crain

Wright Patterson Secretary - 1942-1952



"They frequently saw them [UFOs] and then told me, I'm positive that there were three crashes by 1952."

Source: June 27, 1997 interview with Police Sgt. Clarkson

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## J. Edgar Hoover

Director of FBI



"We must insist upon full access to disks recovered. For instance, in the L.A. case, the Army grabbed it and would not let us have it for cursory examination."

Source: Own handwriting, on memo

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## Lord Hill-Norton

Former Chief of Defense Staff, British Ministry of Defense



"The evidence that there are objects which have been seen in our atmosphere, and even on terra firma, that cannot be accounted for either as man-made objects or as any physical force or effect known to our scientists seems to me to be overwhelming."

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## Mikhail Gorbachev

Former President of the Soviet Union



"At our meeting in Geneva, the U.S. President said that if the earth faced an invasion by extraterrestrials, the United States and the Soviet Union would join forces to repel such an invasion. I shall not dispute the hypothesis, though I think it's early yet to worry about such an intrusion."

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## Carl Gustav Jung, Ph.D.



"A purely psychological explanation is ruled out. The discs show signs of intelligent guidance, by quasi-human pilots. The authorities in possession of important information should not hesitate to enlighten the public as soon and as completely as possible."

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## Cosmonaut Pavel Popovich:



**"The UFO sightings have become the constant component of human activity and require a serious global study."**

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## Appendix Classified Famous Quotes

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# The First Roswell? Evidence for A Crash Retrieval In Cape Girardeau Missouri In 1941

Ryan S. Wood

**ABSTRACT:** This paper will review the primary and secondary sources and evidence for the reality of an extraterrestrial spacecraft crash-retrieval in Cape Girardeau, Missouri in the spring of 1941. It draws upon the new Majestic and Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit intelligence documents that support the hypothesis of an extraterrestrial crash and reviews the authenticity results for each. Furthermore, suggestive and supporting authentic documents interconnect to these new ones and ultimately advance the reasonable conclusion that according to both the paper trail and witnesses this is the "First Roswell." Close attention is paid to the primary witness, Reverend Huffman, and related testimony of granddaughter Charlette Mann. Historical research in the area has identified other witnesses and likely participants in the event. Specifics, of police, fire, photographers, coroners and military commanders that likely should have been at the scene are analyzed and tested for accuracy. Other sources are analyzed for validity and contrasted with known historical facts, pinning down the date and location of the event.

The evidence for this case begins when Leo Stringfield, in his book UFO Crash/Retrievals: The Inner Sanctum, Status Report VI shares an astounding letter from Charlette Mann. In the letter, the granddaughter of Reverend William Huffman, a traveling Baptist minister that had moved to Cape Girardeau and started ministering at the Red Star Baptist church in early 1941, according to church records. Charlette's letter recounted the deathbed confession of her grandmother who during the course of several days described the unusual event that Reverend Huffman attended late one early spring night just 10-15 miles by car outside of Cape Girardeau. The quick summary of the event was that when Huffman arrived at the scene, there were police, fire, FBI and photographers already there and he was asked to provide blessings to the three dead occupants of the craft. During this process he observed the command module with hieroglyphic writing inside and prayed over each of these non-human entities.

When the military arrived everyone was sworn to secrecy, yet upon returning home to 1530 Main Street he choose to share this story with his wife and family. With this intriguing story and later personally meeting Charlette I became convinced that here was a credible witness and bizarre story that was in dire need of validation.

That confirmation came from many sources in last few years, with the freshly revealed Majestic documents from Tim Cooper and others that clearly point to a UFO crash retrieval in Missouri in 1941. Below is a table of information sources that have been unused to investigate this case; they vary in credibility and scope but all provided valuable data for the reality of this historic event.

### Information Sources

- Charlette Mann
- Public classified documents
- Leaked classified documents
- Archives, libraries & photography
- Stan Friedman finds Walter Fisk
- Several intuitives
- Living and anonymous source(s)
- Onsite investigations
- Contract researchers

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### The Primary Witnesses

Reverend William Huffman, pictured below, had a unique specialty in the Baptist church: he had the gift of raising money for the church. He was a specialist that spent about four years in a location to build churches, their attendance, fellowship and cash flow. He would connect with local leaders to improve the exposure and participation at the church. Personally, he was a horticulturist and despite the stern look in his picture he had a good deal of charm and innate salesmanship.

### Reverend William Huffman



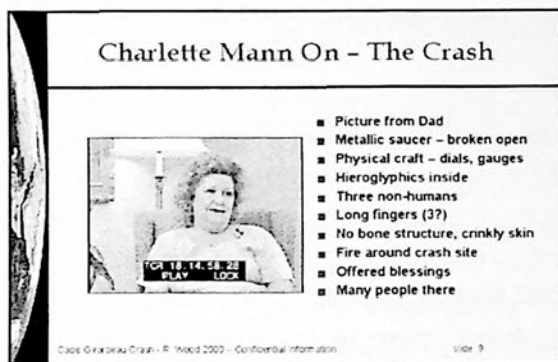
- Offered blessings for three dead aliens in a field outside of Cape Girardeau at night in 1941. The police, military and civilians were there.
- Minister at Red Star Baptist Church, starting July 31, 1941
- Friend gave him picture of Allen a few weeks after the event.

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Upon returning from his escorted trip to the crash site, he proceeded to tell his wife and sons what had just happened in the woods a short drive outside of town. It was this retelling of the events that night to his wife Floy that Charlette would hear in 1984 from her grandmother over the course of several days as she was dying of cancer. It is important to note that this is not the only time Charlette was exposed to this story. During her childhood she heard bits and pieces during conversations of her father and uncle and when Floy was dying pressed her to fill in the specific details as to what really happened that spring evening in 1941. It took a fair amount of pleading with her grandmother initially to convince her to violate the commitment she had made to her husband not to speak of it. Eventually, Charlette succeeded in extracting the story. She kept after the story for several days clarifying with her grandmother until Charlette was confident that she completely understood what had happened and the details.

One of the most intriguing aspects is that after the crash event a member of his congregation, believed to be Garland D. Fronabarger, gave reverend Huffman a picture of the dead non-human creature. This will be discussed later in the paper.

Here is part of the story in Charlette's own words as recorded for Wood & Wood LLC's upcoming television documentary.




"I saw the picture originally from my dad who had gotten it from my grandfather who was a Baptist minister in Cape Girardeau Missouri in the Spring of '41. I saw that (picture) and asked my grandmother at a later time she was at my home fatally ill with cancer so we had a frank discussion. She said that grandfather was called out in the spring of 1941 in the evening around 9:00-9:30, that someone had been called out to a plane crash outside of town and would he be willing to go to minister to people there which he did. Upon arrival it was a very different situation. It was not a conventional aircraft, as we know it. He described it as a saucer that was metallic in color, no seams, did not look like anything he had seen. It had been broken open in one portion, and so he could walk up and see that. In looking in he saw a small metal chair, gauges and dials and things he had never seen. However,, what impressed him most was around the inside there were inscriptions and writings, which he said he did not recognize, but were similar to Egyptian hieroglyphics. There were 3 entities, or non-human people, lying on the ground. Two were just outside the saucer, and a third one was further out. His understanding was that perhaps that third one was not dead on impact. There had been mention of a ball of fire, yet there was fire around the crash site, but none of the entities had been burned and so father did pray over them, giving them last rites. There were many people there, fire people, photographers, and so they lifted up one, and two men on either side stood him up and they stretched his arms out, they had him up under the armpits and out here. As I recall from the picture I saw, he was about 4 feet tall, appeared to have no bone structure, soft looking. He had a suit on, or we assume it was a suit, it could have been his skin, and hat looked like crinkled, soft aluminum foil. I recall it had very long hands, very long fingers, and I think there were three but I cannot swear to that."

Other living supporting witnesses include Charlette Mann's sister who confirms her story in a notarized sworn affidavit and the living brother of the Cape Girardeau County sheriff in 1941, Clarence R. Schade. These witness and the others that were there, should have been there or likely would have known about this crash event will be examined later. Now let us turn our attention to other key validating sources for this crash recovery event in 1941 - the military intelligence documents.

### The Documents Trail

Are there public authentic documents that support and corroborate the hypothesis of before Roswell crash retrieval events? The first public evidence of this is the February 1942 "LA Air Raid". In this case for a couple of hours a slow moving craft was illuminated with spotlights, 1430 rounds of ammunition were fired, many clear direct hits, according to witnesses of the disk shaped object. George C. Marshall (GCM) then writes a secret memo to the President about this event. However, what is fascinating is that this memo sets up the authentication of a leaked top secret memo that tells a different story of crash recoveries.

#### George C. Marshall - L.A. Air Raid

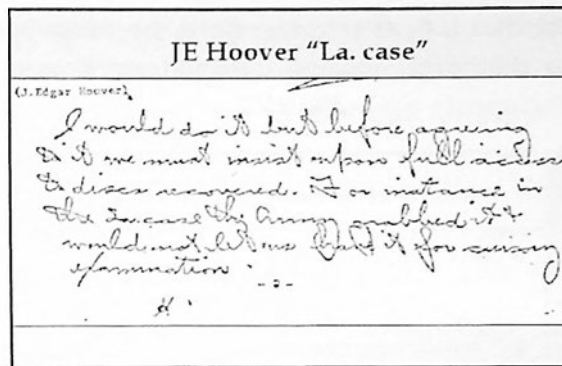


- The Secret memo to the President recounts the details of no planes flew, no bombs dropped, no casualties occurred...
- The OCS File number links to Top Secret documents that tell a greater story of saucer crash retrieval that night.
- A week later a Top Secret memo tells the truth.

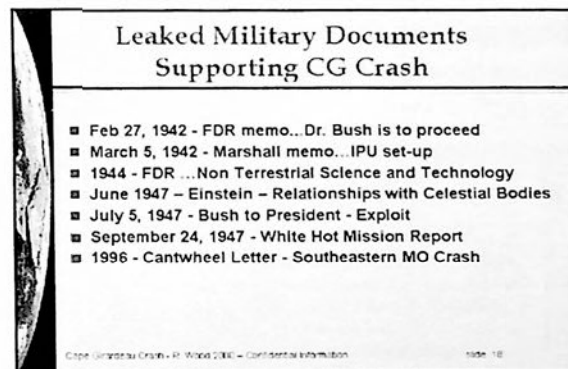
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J. Edgar Hoover (JEH) also weighs in on notion of crashes before Roswell with his handwritten statement at the end of a declassified memo requesting involvement with UFO cases by the Air Force, by saying: "I would do it but before agreeing to it we must insist on full access to disks recovered. For instance in the La. Case the Army grabbed it and would not let us have it for cursory examination."





The critical debate is what does "La. Case" mean? Is it Los Angeles because of the air raid, Los Alamos because that is where Roswell wreckage was taken, or Louisiana? Odds favor Louisiana, because this is the right mailing format for the time – La.; JEH was very good about his capitalization and initials because I reviewed his handwritten notes on about a dozen documents confirming this. Counterintelligence Corps agent Cantwell, from the Tim Cooper documents, talks about a "captured disk in Louisiana in 1942. Critics point to a small time hoax case in July of 1947 as the reason for this comment, but logic dictates that JEH would not have bothered to make any comment on a known hoax or even consider using it as policy leverage with the Air Force. Hence, more evidence for pre-Roswell crash events. Yet the most stunning evidence for pre-Roswell events comes from of leaked military and presidential intelligence documents.



Seven leaked documents from three sources since 1994 provide both direct and indirect support for a crash retrieval event that Reverend Huffman recounts. It is clear from the first memo that president Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) writes to GCM on February 27, 1942, "I have considered the disposition of the material in possession of the Army that may be of great significance toward the development of a super weapon of War"...Consultation with Dr. Bush and other scientists on the issue of finding practical uses for the atomic secrets learned from study of celestial devices..." Just days after the L.A. air raid and related saucer crash retrievals it would be impossible for the president to have "considered the disposition"

of the material collected at that L.A. event; therefore, he must be referring to an earlier crash. Which brings us to that ever nagging question, so how do we know that these fantastic statements and documents are authentic?

### Why Is It Authentic?

- **Unique period words and phrases**
  - "super weapon of war", "atomic secrets", "celestial devices", "confines of state secrets", "applications of this new wonder" and "above is not wholly clear"
- **Forensic stylistics preliminarily support FDR as author**
- **Format is correct, dual dates, "gm 25".**
- **Liabilities: retyped document, not original, Source: S-2**

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The key evidence for authenticity is format and language, with liabilities primarily the document origin. Although not discussed here, the logic for faking such documents is extremely weak and is discussed in another paper on Psychological Warfare and the Majestic documents. However, another document that is even more supportive of the pre-Roswell hypothesis and has fewer liabilities is the Top Secret memo from Marshall to the President dated just one week after the Los Angeles air raid on March 5, 1942. It discusses the creation of the a special unit ultimately to become the Interplanetary Phenomena Unit (IPU) and the crash retrievals of two more saucers: one by the Army in the San Bernardino Mountains, east of Los Angeles, and the other salvaged by the Navy off the southern California coast, presumably because of anti-aircraft fire. Again the questions must turn to why is this document authentic?

### Why Is It Authentic?

- **Correct OCS filing sequence and memo format**
- **Unusual printed format memo consistent with other documents**
- **Unique period words...**
  - "has no bearing on conventional explanation"
  - "cannot be identified as conventional aircraft"
  - "mystery airplanes are in fact not earthly"
  - "all probability of interplanetary origin"
  - "unconventional aerial phenomenon"
- **Liabilities: no paper forensics possible**

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What impresses me besides the visual appearance of the document, showing a clear carbon smudge that can be seen at [www.majesticdocuments.com](http://www.majesticdocuments.com) is the fact that just two weeks later Marshall's offices switches from the Office of Chief of Staff (OCS) filing system and memo numbering to the war department system. So, besides the proper Marshall word

usage and format it has the correct filing numbers that link it to the Los Angeles air raid. The downside is that it is not original paper.

Next we come to a memo addressed to the Non-Terrestrial Science and Technology Committee, on White House stationary dated February 22, 1944, which is stamped Double Top Secret and signed by FDR. This memo says that before we can exploit these "super weapons of war" we need to win the war first. It goes on to say that when we have won the war the USA must assume its destiny; there will be a time when surplus funds will be available; and finally, FDR commends the committee for its work. Why is it authentic?


### Why Is It Authentic?

- Rare Double Top Secret Stamp
- FDR language matching
  - "super weapons of war"
  - "of such wonders"
- *Liabilities*: no paper forensics possible or confirmation of such a committee

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These previous three documents are new and arrived in the summer of 2000. Yet, other Majestic documents that arrived at Tim Cooper's mailbox and through his personal contact with Thomas Cy Cantwell and daughter Salina also provide evidence for pre-Roswell crash events. For instance the Oppenheimer Einstein draft memo dated simply June 1947 has the first discussion of extraterrestrial biological entities (EBEs) in the UFO literature.

### Relationships with Inhabitants of Celestial Bodies



- Draft dated June 1947, before Roswell events
- Letter prepared for signature by Einstein and Oppenheimer
- First discussion of Extraterrestrial Biological entities (EBEs)
- Very insightful

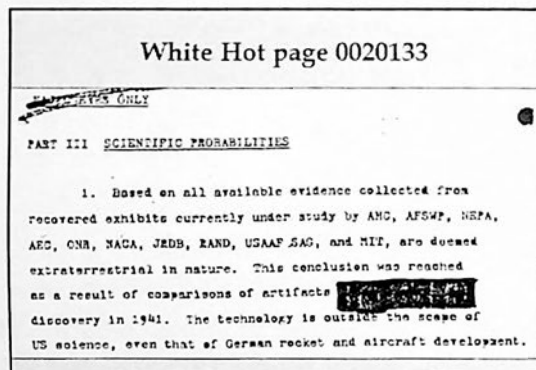
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Critics have attacked this document because of misspelling of celestial, yet at the same time discounted the very real possibility that it was dictated to a secretary and that the document is only a draft copy. Powerful compelling evidence in favor of authenticity is the unique language used, words such as "supranational," "res-nullius" and "Pentateuch", have been verified at the Princeton archives. Even the language style of this draft and other

Einstein's authentic writings shows that characteristic laconic phrasing defined by concise language use and parenthetical comma usage.

### The 1941 Recovery Case

In the MAJIC Eyes Only presidential briefing dated September 24, 1947 (Mission Assessment of Recovered Lenticular Aerodyne Objects — White Hot Intelligence Estimate) two sections directly cite the 1941 recovery case. The first is in "Part III — Scientific Probabilities" and the second in "Part V — National Security Structure." Part III states: "Based on all available evidence collected from the recovered exhibits currently under study by AMC, AFSWP, NEPA, AEC, ONR, NACA, JRDB, RAND, USAAF SAG and MIT, are deemed extraterrestrial in nature. This conclusion was reached as a result of comparisons of artifacts from the Missouri discovery in 1941. The technology is outside the scope of U.S. Science, even that of German rocket and aircraft development."



The from the Missouri logically fits into the space provided and is consistent with supporting testimony, although I'm sure that other words would fit and make sense. The fact that in Part V the author laments the lack of a unified intelligence effort I think is noteworthy and a very valid argument for authenticity. It is just another subtlety that is hard to create out of whole cloth and insert seamlessly. Here is what was said, "In the early months of 1942, up until present, intrusions of unidentified aircraft have occasionally been documented, but there has been no serious investigations by the intelligence arm of the Government. Even the recovery case of 1941 did not create a unified intelligence effort to exploit possible technological gains with the exception of the Manhattan Project." So why is this document genuine?

### Why Is It Authentic?

- Unique language, neutronic , planform, artificial intelligence, aerodyne
- Format and numbering
- Verified subtleties , NE102
- Accurate unique and rare personnel
- Correlation with other documents, both leaked and retrieved from the archives
- Rare and valuable insight into the enigma
- *Liabilities*: signature - "I am keeping for further study - HST" like another document

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Besides the unique period language, what moved it to the 95% confidence level for authenticity was my research into the personnel on the mission. During the process of tabulating President Truman's white house switchboard traffic for who called whom, when, and how often, I came across the name of Captain Charles Buchanan. He was the only Captain ever mentioned in the 1947 phone records and — wouldn't you know it — General Carter calls Captain Buchanan on July 7, 1947 at 4:44 PM. So, is this just a coincidence? I don't think so.

In a letter dated January 30, 1996 our mysterious documents provider, Cantwell writes a short sentence about an "aerodyne recovered in 1941 that crashed in southwestern Missouri and the one captured in 1942 in Louisiana.

### Thomas Cantwheel Letter - Jan 30, 1996

- ...Aerodyne recovered in 1941 that crashed in southwestern Missouri and the one captured in 1942 in Louisiana.

THE "RECOVERED" AERODYNE WAS ACQUIRED IN 1945 FROM THE AERODYNAMICAL SERVICES COMMAND (ASD), NEW YORK, AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND. THE "CAPTURED" ONE WAS RECOVERED FROM A AERODYNE RECOVERED IN 1941 THAT CRASHED IN SOUTHWESTERN MISSOURI AND ONE CAPTURED IN 1942 IN LOUISIANA. RE-CONSTRUCTION COMMENCED IN 1954 WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF GERMAN SCIENTISTS AT WRIGHT FIELD. PRODUCTION PROGRAMS WERE TO PROCEED TO THE POINT OF THE "RECOVERED" ONE. THE AERODYNE CAPTURED IN LOUISIANA AND IDENTIFIED THE MAGNETIC DRIVE SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY GERMANY. THE AAF HOPED TO REPRODUCE THIS CRAFT.

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Note the adjective southwestern rather than the presumably correct southeastern. Is this just an innocent statement of a 90-year-old man misremembering or mistyping or misdirecting us from the true event? Note that other Cantwell statements have provided valid information in the past like the correlation with JEH's Louisiana recovered disk.

## Who Was At The Crash Site?

To answer this question fairly takes considerable time; there are the direct comments of Huffman and then the logical extensions that flow from the Huffman statements. This

section will break out the officials at the site, those with a clear responsibility to be there, the military personnel that came to recover the craft and take control, the civilians that were asked by the officials to come to the site and finally, the people that would have logically heard about this event through both their official and unofficial communications. Let's begin again with Charlette's testimony as to who was at the crash site.

### CM On - Who Was at Crash Site?



- Many people at site - local photographers and fire people
- Military showed up and asked everyone to say nothing - matter of national security
- Story told to Huffman family
- Two weeks after event personal photo of ET was delivered to Reverend Huffman

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"My grandfather upon arrival, said there were already several people there on the scene, two that he assumed were local photographers, fire people, and so not long after they arrived, military just showed up, surrounded the area, took them off in groups separately, and spoke to each of them. Grandfather didn't know what was said to the others, but he was told 'this didn't happen, you didn't see this, this is national security, it is never to be talked about again.' My grandfather was an honorable man, being a preacher, that's all that needed to be said to him. And so he came home and told the story to my dad, who was there, and my grandmother and my uncle. Now my mother was expecting at the time, so she was off in the bedroom. My sister was born May 3rd 1941, so we are assuming this was the middle to the last of April. And he never spoke of it again. But about two weeks later, one of the men who had a personal camera that he had put in his shirt pocket, approached grandfather and said I think someone needs a copy of this. I have one and I would like you to keep one. So that's how it came about that grandfather had the picture to begin with. But he never spoke of it again. The other people seem to be very intimidated and very frightened and paranoid."

Given Charlette's testimony of police officers, plainclothes people and military men the most appropriate officials would be the County sheriff, Cape Girardeau or Jackson MO police departments and associated fire departments along with the FBI and coroner.


### Officials At the Crash Site

- Sheriff 1941 - Ruben R. Schade
- Cape Chief of Police - Marshall F. Morton
- Jackson Chief of Police -
- Local Police - Unknown at present
- CG FBI Special Agent - ?
- Cape Fire Chief - Carl J. Lewis
- Jackson Fire Chief - ?
- Sikeston Military - known personnel
- Coroner - Norval Burton Short

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Since this event happened outside of the town limits the county sheriff would have been the responsible party, Ruben Reinhold Schade.

### Sheriff Ruben Reinhold Schade




- Died Jan 1986 at age of 81
- No FBI file
- Active in Republican Politics
- Learn to operated a Linotype printing machine
- 27 years at SE Missourian newspaper
- Has two sons, Dewey & John, four brothers

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After his employment at the sheriff's department, he went to work for the Southeastern Missourian newspaper. His children have been contacted along with his brother Clarence R. Schade. The brother provided a supportive but not definitive statement when interviewed "yes, I heard of a space ship with 'little people' back a long time ago but never believed it." Although nowhere near as powerful as the Huffman - Mann testimony, I give it partial credit for being a sincere recollection, especially given the wording he used, "little people" rather than ET, alien or non-human.

The Cape Girardeau police chief in 1941 was Marshall F. Morton; he died in 1974 and at present I have been unable to locate any relatives, living or dead.

### Police Chief Marshall F. Morton



Picture 1954


- Died March 1974 at age of 73 - SS# 490-05-7191
- FBI file requested
- No children, a nephew
- Spent two years at the FBI Academy during '41-'46
- WWI Army Tank Corps

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What is interesting about Morton is that after this event is that he was selected to attend the FBI academy in Quantico, Virginia and spent two years there on and off between 1941 and 1946. Does this appointment seem logical for a very small Midwest town?

Potentially just weeks before this UFO crash event outside of Cape Girardeau the FBI opened an office, ostensibly a satellite from St Louis, with Special Agent G. B. Norris making the announcement. Who the agent assigned to this field office is unknown a present.

### Cape Girardeau Opens FBI Office




- SEM on March 11, 1941 opens FBI office in CG allegedly to investigate reports of sabotage and espionage.
- Reports to be funneled directly to FBI or CG Police.
- G.B. Norris Special Agent in Charge of St.Louis made announcement.
- Or could it be that the alleged "crash of January 41" triggered a program to keep track of the witnesses?

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The fire department under the direction of Chief Carl James Lewis is potentially one of the most useful sources of information. The fire department kept detailed notes on the fires it went to including date time, location, durations, causes and damage estimates. Due to the outstanding research of my on-site historical research assistant, Margaret, she found and secured photocopies of the entire 1941 fire logbook.



### Cape Fire Chief - Carl James Lewis - '41



- Died Nov 1983 at age of 74
- No children, survived by four brothers
- Spent 34 years as Fire Chief
- Wrote first electrical code for city of CG
- Chain of command was through the Mayor and City Council
- No FBI File

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The testimony has the military coming to swear everyone to secrecy and take away the evidence. Where did they come from? The answer is just a short fifty miles away was the Sikeston military base. This was not some random base at the time but was the "top gun" flight-training base before the war started. Hundreds of pilots were trained there and there was a large contingency of British flight instructors working through a private corporation and not on the direct military payroll. It was logical that these soldiers and officers would have been called to initially examine and ultimately manage the transportation and removal of the wreckage back to the base. Besides military guards and truck drivers, most likely the commander, medical officer and intelligence officer would have either visited the site or seen the wreckage first hand.

### Likely Military At Crash Site

- 1942 - 309th AAFSTD At Sikeston
  - Capt. Harold J. Sheldon, Jr. - Commander
  - 1st Lt. Lucas L. Digiglia - Medical Corps
  - 2nd Lt. James E. Lightle - Intelligence Officer
  - Dispatcher would likely have taken the call - Thomas W. Mathis
  - Military Transportation and Logistics


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I have pictures of many of these individuals and a short history of the 309th's activities. At the time of this writing, further details and unit histories are being researched at the national archives and the St. Louis National Personnel Records Center. Ideally, this will pin down precisely the people who would have been responsible. After that, the next mission is to find them or their living children.

Allegedly, there were three dead non-human bodies and they would have needed to be removed. How would that have been done? Little caskets like in the Roswell case or field body bags on stretchers? It could go either way, but I find it interesting that one of the local funeral homes at the time is called Cracraft-Miller. Cape police officer John Cracraft was

likely involved because everyone on the force would know about his family connection, especially the coroner.

**Who Handled the Bodies?**



- Police Officer John Cracraft - 1954
- Likely called on to arrange for caskets for aliens in 1941
- Either he owned or his father owned Cracraft-Miller funeral home, which is still in business today!

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It is logical to believe that if this event is real, that many others would have heard about it over the years or in secretive conversations or wild tales. Below is a list of logical candidates. Each person and related family is being researched.

**Who Likely Heard About It?**

- Cape Mayor - Hinkle Statler
- Jackson Mayor - Charles H. Sander
- Funeral Home - Cracraft-Miller Inc.,
- Other CG & Jackson police officers
- Other county sheriff dept. employees
- Other firefighters
- Other Photographers
- County & police dispatchers
- Sikeston military commanders

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Huffman stated via Charlette that besides military there were photographers at the scene. One of the most likely candidates was Garland F. Fronabarger - "Frony" according to his obituary. He was a photographer for six decades, many of them with the Southeastern Missourian newspaper, yet in 1941 he supported the paper via contract work but was out in the community applying his profession. He had a good reputation as a great photographer and what surprised me was that he was a good friend of Harry Truman, then Senator Truman. Besides being a Baptist and logically attending Reverend Huffman's church he was known for his color photography of roses one of Huffman's horticultural passions.

### The Alien Photograph

A genuine alien photograph would be outstanding supporting evidence for this case and when I first heard of this picture from Charlette I knew resolving this aspect of the case was critical. To review, a few weeks after the event a photographer that was at the scene

approached Huffman and gave him a copy of this photograph as recreated below depicting two police officers and the dead alien being held between them.

### The Alien Photograph



- Given to Huffman a few weeks after incident by unknown person – Fronabarger?
- Charlette saw the picture ~20 times.
- Was given to Walter Fisk by Guy Huffman (Charlette's father).


Recreation

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Charlette in a videotaped interview retells the story of the alien picture and how she came to be aware of it.

"Well, the first awareness that I had of it is actually a picture that my father had and it was at a dinner party. And I had heard rumors, and bits and pieces over conversations, but it was a picture, an old picture, because it had... it was like the old Kodak, with the little lines and scallops around it. There were two men holding up a non-human, is the best way I can describe it, little entity, a little person, who appeared to be about 4 feet tall. They had him under the armpits with arms outstretched on either side of him. And he was... it was difficult to tell if it was his skin or a suit. It looked as if he had no bone structure, very, very long arms. I vaguely remember three fingers, but I couldn't swear to that. He had the oval eyes this way, a slit for a mouth and it looked like two little dots where ears should be, and his skin looked as if it were soft, crinkly aluminum foil, not that thick. I remember at the time it making a large impression on me, because of the eyes, so I can't tell you what his feet were like because I didn't see that."

### CM On - The Alien Photo



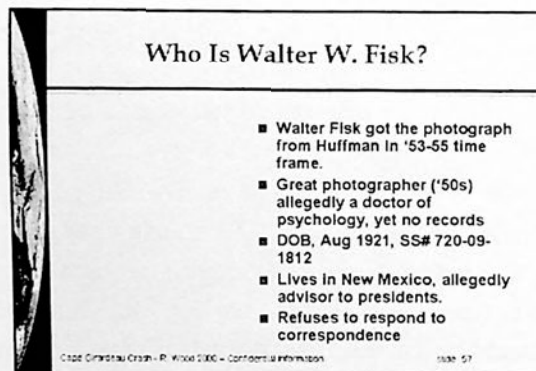
- Saw it at dinner party
- Old Kodak photo, scalloped edges
- Two people holding up non-human
- No bone structure, long arms
- Oval eyes, slit for mouth, crinkly skin
- Picture haunted her
- Puzzle for Charlette
- Wanted validation from grandmother, who twice turned her down
- Grandmother gave in, filled in missing details...CG

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"Well, it never actually left me, that picture haunted me. And I had heard bits... just as a child, bits and pieces of this puzzle, for me it was a puzzle. And to hear things from my

father was one thing, but it was very important I had validation from a more solid place. So when my grandmother became ill and came to our home while she took chemotherapy, I approached her to speak of it. And two times she turned me down. She said your grandfather said we would never speak of this again, so I won't. And finally in desperation, I said grandmother this is something that is important for me, and grandfather is gone and it's been a long time. So then she sat down and she filled in all the details, the missing things, as to Cape Girardeau being the town, the year, in spring, she said light jackets, but not hot. So all of the pieces then fell in part, together."

Charlette's father, Guy Huffman, had told the crash retrieval story and had offered the photograph as proof to a photographer friend of his in the 1953-1955 timeframe. The photographer's name was Walter Wayne Fisk. Stan Friedman, also recognizing the importance of this picture, tracked Fisk down in New Mexico and spoke with him on the telephone, where a strange tale emerged. Fisk stated he had a doctorate in psychology, yet Friedman was unable to verify his claim along with Fisk's statement that he was an advisor to presidents. Fisk has repeatedly refused to answer or respond to phone calls or letters written by Charlette Mann. Is this the response of a forthcoming man?



**Who Is Walter W. Fisk?**

- Walter Fisk got the photograph from Huffman in '53-55 time frame.
- Great photographer ('50s) allegedly a doctor of psychology, yet no records
- DOB, Aug 1921, SS# 720-09-1812
- Lives in New Mexico, allegedly advisor to presidents.
- Refuses to respond to correspondence

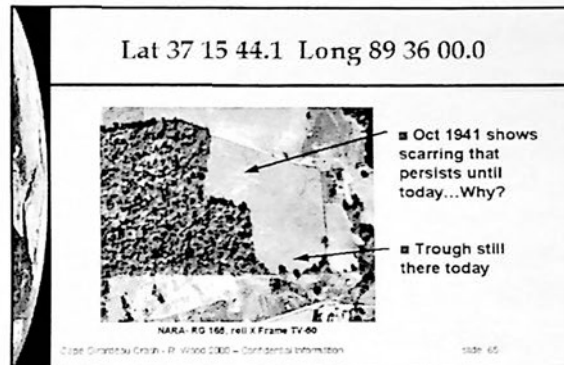
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Fisk will eventually be broken of his silence and we will get an answer as to what happened to the picture or we will get the no comment statement or similar brush off. Either way this will move the case forward.

### **When and Where Did It Crash?**

Now we come to the really hard questions. When may be easier than where, but as of this writing solid progress has been made on both questions. We know from Charlette's testimony that Huffman was driven about 10-15 miles outside of town and then had to walk about one-fourth of a mile or so off the road into an open field where a fire was burning. Given these basic parameters the search area has narrowed to about five square miles, actually areas adjacent to roads at the time. Historical aerial photography is available for

October 1941 and provides a complete stereoscopic overflight of the area as shown. One area looks promising.



This target area was visited in August 2000 with metal detectors; however nothing was recovered of significance. Other locations, identified by dowsers in the aerial photography have not yet been visited at the time of this writing.

The fire department records for Cape Girardeau are very precise. Although there is no clear stunning match with Charlette's story, there are several good candidates. According to the story the fire department was on site, but which one, Jackson or Cape or both? If they were sworn to secrecy by the military would they write the event down in their logbook or would they record it accurately? At present, all I have is the Cape fire logbook for 1941. An examination of fires in the evening for late March and April show only a few possible matches. On March 30th, from 6:22 pm to 6:58 pm in Houck Woods (actually Louis Houck who lived in the correct area - 10-15 miles out of town). On April 22, from 11:59 pm to 4:35 am at the Blattner brothers residence out highway 61, again the right area. It will take a review of the historical aerial photography to verify these fires.

Charlette's testimony is that it happened one April 1941 evening because her mother was pregnant with her sister who was born on May 3rd of 41.

At this time the precise location and date is unconfirmed, further research with police, military records and fire call logs is planned along with aerial photography and ground surveys. Although of speculative value without confirmation Joe McMoneagle (Intuitive Intelligence Applications provided data purporting that there are small pieces of wreckage still at the crash site that are recoverable. Annette Martin another well-known psychic sleuth confirmed much of the Huffman – Mann story and provided new checkable data.

### **Is This Case Real?**

After working on this case for about two years and talking with Charlette Mann on numerous occasions either briefly on the phone, over dinner or in front a television camera her story, demeanor and integrity provided no hints of deception or confabulation. I, like Leo Stringfield ten years earlier, came to the same conclusion that here was a very sincere woman with a quality case worthy of a dedicated effort at validation. The story does not hinge on Charlette's testimony alone; there are the low level stories from credible people that loosely support the event, like Clarence Schade. Then there is the deliberate silence of Wayne Fisk, the last person to have handled the alien picture. Adding more weight to the truth side is the highly believable and likely authentic, military and presidential documents that support a crash retrieval in 1941. It is the totality of these facts that that lead me to think it is reasonable to conclude that there was a crash event as described by Reverend Huffman's wife to Charlette Mann.

The conclusions and implications are more predicable and are widely supported outside of this specific case. Namely, ET's are real; certain factions of the government have been hiding this fact at least since 1941; and that the involvement has been a matter of grave concern to several presidents. The recovered technology from this crash was funneled into the Manhattan project and has not been obviously used for the benefit of society. No doctorates of alien exobiology awarded or gravity control companies. Ironically, it may not be society that benefits from this event but the city of Cape Girardeau as tourists flock to visit the site and learn more about a special time and place in history – the First Roswell.

The final resolution to this case is still out there. It may come in the form of physical evidence, bits of wreckage, new witnesses, historical aerial photography, soil samples or archival research. All these fronts are being actively worked and there is every reason to predict success.

### **You Can Help By**

1. Looking for witnesses, stories, documents or leads that support this case.
2. Help in accessing historical FBI personnel records.
3. Delicately help in accessing historical Cape Girardeau or Jackson, MO police records and call logs.

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# Maury Island UFO: The Crisman Conspiracy

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One reviewer said of *Maury Island UFO*, the book upon which this lecture is based, that it is "information rich to the point of saturation." Details about the Maury Island case come from several Freedom of Information Act requests filed by the author and other researchers, first hand accounts and various published accounts. They also include such books as Kenneth Arnold's *The Coming of the Saucers* and Edward Ruppelt's *Project Blue Book* report. The Maury Island case is mentioned time and again in the UFO literature but Maury Island UFO is the first one ever devoted exclusively to it. It involves a sighting in the Puget Sound area in Washington state that resulted in the recovery of material from unidentified craft. Widespread dismissal of the case as a fraud resulted from the lack of available historical facts, many of which connect the story up to events in the 1960s and on to the present. A great deal of information has emerged from the voluminous files recovered as part of the research for this lecture. In addition to reviewing the history of the Maury Island case, the lecture presents several theories about what there and thereafter to the recovered debris.

The Maury Island story begins on June 21st, 1947, three days before what is widely regarded as the first modern UFO event, Kenneth Arnold's sightings over Mount Rainier. A lumber salvager named Harold Dahl, his son, his son's dog and two unidentified people witnessed six disc shape craft, one in the middle, wobbling, and five surrounding it, at an elevation of 2000 feet. Dahls described the discs as twenty five feet in diameter, shaped like doughnuts, with five foot portholes on their sides. The central saucer wobbled and dropped down about 700 feet and stopped wobbling before one of the circling saucers broke formation, flew down, touched the other one and became still itself. The craft then spewed two different substances, black and white. The central saucer started releasing the white material, which Dahl described as a thin, white "newspaper like" metal that more or less floated down into the bay. The second, black, substance that also came down was hot enough to cause steam to rise. Pieces of that material struck Dahl's son and dog, injuring the boy killing the dog.

Dahl reported these events to someone described as his "superior," Fred Crisman, a man with a long and complicated life's story. In fact, Crisman's life submerges into a murky trail of fudged and inaccurate documents, some of questionable provenance, some containing very intriguing pieces of information and disinformation. Since Harold Dahl had retained samples of the recovered debris, he convinced Crisman to go to the Maury Island shore and take a look. Crisman later claimed that he saw there an enormous amount of both the white and black material and recovered more of it himself. He also claimed to have his own sighting of a doughnut shaped craft.

Crisman reported his experience to Ray Palmer, a publisher of pulp magazines like *Amazing Stories* that reflected UFO themes. Palmer hired Kenneth Arnold to investigate the Maury Island case. Arnold, whose famous sighting came three days after Maury Island,

started the first post-World War II wave of UFO sightings. That wave included the recovery in that same area of a thirty-inch saucer by a housewife who turned it over to an FBI officer named Guy Banister. This begins a long series of connections between the 1947 Maury Island case and the Kennedy assassination of 1963.

In 1968 Fred Crisman was subpoenaed by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison as part of Garrison's investigation into the Kennedy assassination. Guy Banister operated an office in New Orleans that Garrison also investigated, and apparently employed Lee Harvey Oswald in a variety of capacities. Banister was a Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in the Pacific northwest in the late 1940s, specifically Idaho and Montana, at time of the Maury Island case.

Kenneth Arnold's investigation was eventually joined by two Air Force investigators, Captain William Lee Davidson and First Lieutenant Frank Mercer Brown. The two men worked under General Nathan Twining to collect information on the UFO flap with particular attention paid to retrieval stories. Crisman turned over samples of the Maury Island debris to them. The material was loaded onto Brown and Davidson's plane. Shortly after it took off to return to Wright-Patterson Air Force base, the plane crashed and killed the two men. The counter-intelligence team sent out to do clean-up at the crash site, which supposedly was unsuccessful in finding any evidence of the Maury Island debris, recommended that all similar incidents of crash retrieval debris in the future be handled by the foreign technologies desk.

However, one of the recently surfaced MJ12 documents suggests that the Maury Island debris was turned over by Crisman to a CIA agent named Shaw. Clay Shaw was one of three people that New Orleans district attorney Jim Garrison attempted to indict as part of a conspiracy in the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Although Shaw was eventually acquitted of the crime, since then his role as a CIA agent has been well documented. Jim Garrison claimed that his prosecution of Shaw was a toe-hold to a larger conspiracy. He maintained that Fred Crisman may have been an assassin working on behalf of aerospace industry concerns to assassinate Kennedy. In a well-known samizdat report called the Torbitt Document, Crisman is named as one of three hoboes picked up in the railyard behind the grassy knoll at Dealey Plaza. Kennedy's last speech, in fact, concerned a controversial defense contract that he awarded to General Dynamics instead of the expected Boeing.

The lecture reviews all of this material, the original Maury Island claims; the Banister recovery; the Arnold investigation; the deaths of Air Force investigators Brown and Davidson; and the machinations that connect it to the JFK assassination. It examines the document, newspaper and photograph trail of the debris and saucer recoveries. It also reviews the photographic evidence, including the Zapruder film of the Kennedy assassination, indicative of Crisman's appearance on the grassy knoll. It also reviews Crisman's life-long role as a person with interests both in the covert intelligence world and the ufological subculture.

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# Crash Retrieval on the Plains of St. Augustine, New Mexico

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Statements researched by Art Campbell relating to Plains of San Augustin crash, as mentioned by Philip Corso in various interviews on audio- and videotape

Corso's background

Statements

Q. Did the alien technology you worked on come from Roswell?

A. It was from Roswell, but sometimes I get the idea that some of it may have come

from the San Augustin crash. (Art Bell show with Linda Howe, 1997, audiotape program # 970706D)

Q. Were you privy to any other crash sites in Arizona, New Mexico?

A. I was privy to the San Augustin crash and one other crash right down south In Mexico. There were two crashes 1 was privy to in this area...and there were others.

(videotape interview Ted Loman, Laughlin UFO Conference 1997)

Q. That San Augustin crash could that have been crashed at Socorro instead of San Augustin, in that area?

A. No, it wasn't Socorro; it was down on San Augustin. I got a map and Roswell went through my area, through the Trinity site and keeps going to the San Augustin area

(videotape interview -Ted Loman, Laughlin UFO Conference 1997)

## Videotape

"Investigations on the Plains of St. Augustin" (22 mm.)

Photograph/ production by Art Campbell

Post-video production by Antares Multimedia, Ashland, Oregon

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## Excerpts from Chapter 4

### The Find

This was to be my last day in the arroyo basin and I was going to thoroughly search it. Stashing my camera equipment in my pack and picking up my walking stick, I started out, walking back and forth across the basin, crossing the old braids of the old water courses again and again. The rain the night before had cleaned everything. I would stop here and there to poke something with my stick. I studied the various kinds of lichen, sat and rested, and started out again. I had just taken some pictures and was working back toward the gap when suddenly I saw something under some brush. I recognized the Coors beer can on top, which I flipped off with my stick. Underneath was something totally different. It looked like a pile of solidified chicken fat above the sand. Part of it was buried. I carefully picked it up and brushed off a crust of sand on the bottom side. I did not know what I had, but after the publication of three books on pioneer history and after tramping around old wagon and stagecoach roads, cabin sites, arroyos and pioneer junk piles for twenty-five years, I knew it was unique. Every piece of anything found can eventually be identified: bottles, car parts, barbed wire, tin cans, fruit jars, etc. Even the patterns on broken dish fragments help date old china. This artifact fits absolutely none of these historical or modern identification criteria.

Two things immediately came to mind; 1) a petrified internal organ of some kind, probably belonging to one of the large animals that were in the arroyo basin (cattle, deer, perhaps antelope), 2) something from an Indian grave site, as there were many of these on the old terraces that were around the old lake bed, as reported by numerous teams of archaeologists over the years. I dared not even consider any other alternatives.

I had previously shot a lot of film in and around the arroyo and had one roll of Kodak ASA 64 slide film left. I was wearing a bandanna for sun protection. I took what I was to later call the artifact over to a rock and laid it on the bandanna. I went back up to the truck to get my tripod. I always bracket my shots for anything important. That is, I take one photo with less light than I need, one with the right amount of light, and one with more light than I need. This way I almost always have one good exposure. I finished the roll this way. (For the camera buffs, I shoot with a pair of old, but very good Nikon F2s I also have telephoto, wide-angle and macro lenses.)

I spent the rest of the day criss-crossing the basin looking for anything else that might catch my eye. I saw nothing. I went back about mid-afternoon with a shovel and dug around the spot where I had found the artifact. I had hoped to turn up the broken-off pieces, but found nothing. I did note that the discovery site was higher than the main arroyo water course, and absolutely no water had flowed in the nearby water course in recent years because of a large blockage above.

As I criss-crossed the basin, signs here and there reminded me of the food chain. The prairie dog complexes had not been used in some time and most were collapsed in the center. A ranch wife had told me that a virus had wiped them out several years before.

Once or twice I flushed a jackrabbit from the shade of some sagebrush. I saw the sobering rattle end of a rattlesnake disappearing into one old prairie dog hole. Some of the wildflowers were in bloom. I walked by numerous stands of white spectacle pod, saw a monarch butterfly on some purple Rocky Mountain bee weed, found stands of orange blazing star and the solitary white prickly poppy nodding in the breeze. The rain had renewed a symphony of color on the greening plain.

When I commented to a rancher about the huge raindrops I had experienced the night before, he replied, "Yeah they get plenty big around here, but look at that sky they come from!" I had never thought of it in quite that way.

It was getting cooler, now a breeze had come up. Earlier some cumulus clouds had risen over the San Mateo Mountains. Now the sun slashed through them, casting shadows here and there across the ragged landscape. The shimmering heat of the midday had gradually given' long shadows and stark outlines of late afternoon. Periodically the sun went behind a ci when it emerged the basin was bathed in a bright golden light The sun would be mountains soon and I had better be on my way. I would stop at Datil for supper. It had a day and I was going home tomorrow.

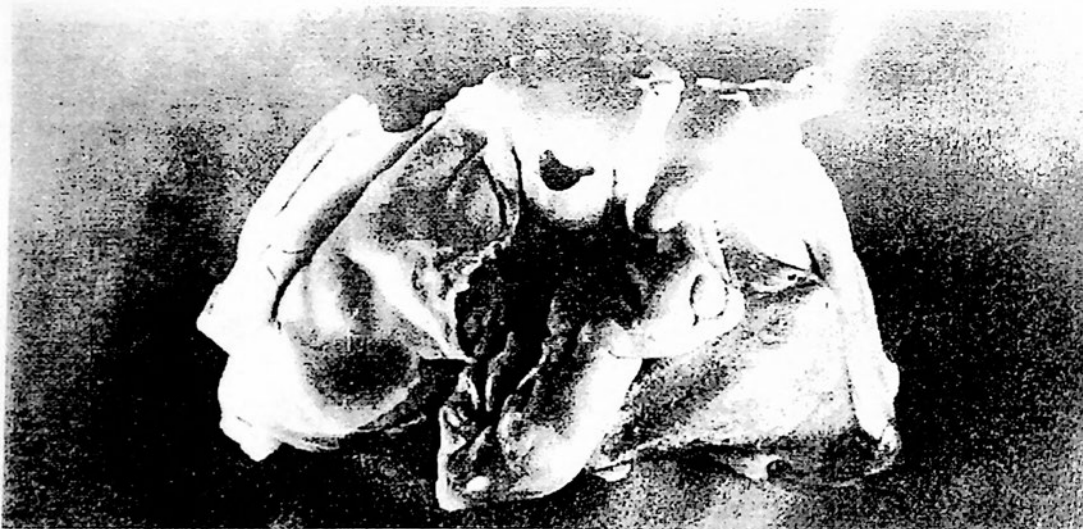


Figure 1. HDPE artifact as it was originally found. It is 12cm long, 7.5cm wide, weight 28 grams or 4-1/2 oz. Apparently a collapsed container of some sort, it baffles scientists who have inspected it. Polyethylene plastic similar to this is used in hundreds of medical products.



Figure 2. Top view of artifact is broken away, showing layer structure. Three layers of HDPE (polyethylene) vary in thickness between 2 and 3 mm. Analysis identified some material inside as common starch.



Figure 3. Bottom of artifact is completely intact. Lower left is a hollow section. Original configuration was believed to be a horseshoe-shape with folded edge at bottom. Lighter area was above surface when found.



Figure 4. Back side of artifact. This is unweathered and a golden brown color. It is believed this half-round shape was made by folding a circular piece of the material and rolling the edges to make the container. It may have originally been soft. Forensic experts believe object has been subjected to high heat or an explosion.

## Excerpts from Chapter 12

### The Shoe Soles

The most perplexing of any of the finds were the shoe soles. It was one thing to pick up and wax pieces, but quite another to gather personal material that had actually been worn and I still have great difficulty accepting that one or both of these shoe soles may be unic. Consequently, much more laboratory time and research have been put into these items. One who thinks that shoes would be easy to research; they are not. I eventually had to divide the research in four directions: general foot anatomy, infant foot growth and corresponding arch development, s manufacture and basic construction, and laboratory analysis of the shoe material. Questions were sent to over thirty shoe companies regarding shoe manufacturing and materials. Shoe sales people, pediatricians, podiatrists and other professional orthopedic people were also contacted. I acquired some material distributed by the National Shoe Retailers Association on foot anatomy shoe fitting.

### Large Sole

We will begin with the large sole which was found about 150 yards below the gap. I think it originally may have measured some 14 centimeters long by 3-1/2 centimeters wide at the narrow point, roughly 5-3/4 inches by 1-3/8 inches. What can be measured seems to be a size 3 child's shoe, corresponding to a size 4-1/2 women's shoe length. It would possibly fit an older child, ten to twelve years old. There is curling in both the length and width which makes exact measurement difficult. The sole basically has two layers and is incomplete. In the top view photo, the broken-off area has been extended to the size it might have been. It was probably no shorter than this, but could have been longer.

The laboratory report is as follows:

The two samples identified as second sole (1 and 2) appear similar. I can see from a microscopical study that the materials are foam rubber. Sample 2 was pyrolyzed (burned) to separate the polymer from the fillers and analyzed by IR, which confirmed it to be urethane foam.

There is some darker foam material on what appears to be a very low heel. This may have been just that, a very low heel or what is left of a thicker heel. The darker material seems to be vulcanized to the larger piece and appears to be of a smoother texture, which may indicate wear. The rest of the body of the sole has a very high cracked raised knobby pointed texture (Figure 53), indicating very little wear. However, since up to one-quarter or one-third of the sole may be missing in the front, there is no way we can tell accurately about its wear pattern.

Although the large sole is closer to a standard size than the smaller one, it is still unique in its narrowness in front of the heel. If this sole is the original width (AA at its widest, depending upon the material that comprised the upper), a foot would have to be no wider than 3-1/2 centimeters or 1-3/8 inches at its narrowest to fit it. A two to three-year-old



child has a foot this narrow in front of the heel, yet the projected length of 14 centimeters or 5-1/2 inches would be an impossible length for a child that age. This child length sole is at least 1/2 inch narrower in front of the heel than the narrowest adult shoe sold (AAAA).

### **Small Sole**

As was mentioned in Chapter 5, the small shoe sole was found as I was going over the arroyo site one evening with a Geiger counter. I did not see it at first. On a rocky slope about ten yards away, I found the small dried rubber pieces referred to in Chapter 5. There were just a few slivers which I placed in a plastic bag. A little while later I picked up the tiny sole, below the slope when I had found the above-mentioned material. It appeared similar in texture and color to the slivers, but due to gathering darkness I did not make the match until that night in my motel.

Subsequent tests indicate that the dried rubber slivers and the bottom of the small sole were of identical material. Again, water enters our picture. The small sole was found in an area next to the present arroyo water course. When the arroyo braid plugged up with sand and silt, the water was diverted down and alongside a narrow track used by cattle grazing in the arroyo. As I mentioned before, I was there one day during an afternoon rain. The water diverted down this track and stood at a depth of five or six inches, as it spread out into a delta-like configuration, covering the spot where the small shoe sole was found the year before. Whether the sole was washed in over the years was uncovered where it lay, I do not know. The slope above the sole was rocky with light vegetation. How the tiny pieces of sole ended up ten yards up the slope is a mystery.

The layers of the sole were caked with dried dirt, which I carefully washed out through a Handkerchief at the motel. Some fibers and threads came out, as well as several tiny tulip-like seed affairs about 1/16-inch long. These, on later investigation, turned out to be tumbleweed seed.

The scientific investigation to identify the sole layers was extensive. Three laboratories were involved; two on the west coast and one on the east. Diagnostic procedures on the nine layers of the small shoe sole included infrared spectroscopy, differential scanning calorimetry, polarized light microscopy and the use of a scanning electron microscope. The equipment was necessary to analyze six different materials in the multi-layered sole. I really do not know where the shoe sole was made, but if it was made here, it would have to be after the 1940s when polyurethane foam was developed. This foam rubber in shoes did not come into general use until the 1960s, according to shoe manufacturers contacted. The nylon thread which held the straps together, again, was not available until the 1940s or so. Nylon (first made in 1935) was just beginning to be used before World War.

I. The white pigment in the bottom rubber layer was identified using polarized light microscopy and energy dispersive x-ray spectroscopy. These tests revealed several materials including the presence of titanium dioxide, a white pigment first discovered in 1916, but not available until 1920

The first laboratory to look at the sole was a forensic laboratory where a technician separated the nine layers and mounted them on glass slides. The report from the second laboratory revealed that six of the nine layers were made from cellulose plant fiber. The third laboratory analyzed the exact material in each layer, identifying six of the layers as cotton, four of woven cloth and two layers of compressed cotton fibers imbedded in other materials.

The bottom of the small sole became a study in itself. The first laboratory report is as follows:

**Results**

Sample#	Description	Identification
I	brittle and somewhat plastic gray material bottom of shoe sole.	plant "pitch" and or oils (like lecithin), minor amount of cellulose and Kaolin-type clay (possibility of the plant "pitch" to be some type of rubber— unable to confirm <i>since</i> the material is not homogeneous)

The laboratory scientist sent with his report a description of how polarized light microscopy helped identify the small outsole, as follows: "PLM particles are identified by observing transparency or opacity, texture (internal and surface) and color, by transmitted and reflected light." He went on to say that "coupled with experience, PLM generally enables the identification of more than 95% of the materials in a given sample."

This data came from the laboratory that was involved in the Shroud of Turin research, mentioned in the introduction. The same scientist at the laboratory was also intrigued by the bottom layer of the small sole and found it "most interesting." He reports:

It was relatively hard and brittle and appears to me to be mostly filler. It can best be described as a degraded filled material. I also analyzed the sample using an electron microscope with energy dispersive x-ray spectroscopy in order to determine the elements present. The tan material contains a clay, calcium (carbonate), titanium dioxide and a lead pigment.



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# The 1963 Crash Retrieval North of Albuquerque, New Mexico

Budd Hopkins



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# The Kecksburg Incident: An Updated Review

Stan Gordon

## History

"A mysterious orange flash in the sky has sent a great many people rushing to their telephone in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and the Ontario province of Canada. A preliminary check by official agencies appears to rule out any aircraft, or missile explosions. The FAA now speculates that the flaming object may have been a meteor, or the remnants of space vehicle re-entering the atmosphere.

The local Nike sites say they will not comment. They don't deny it, but they will not comment, and they say that they will issue a statement within a half hour. Many persons in the Greensburg area saw the phenomena. State police there say there is a fire in the Kecksburg area. They are investigating. The Oakdale Missile Master was contacted. They said a release is coming up. Speculation also is that an army missile went astray."

That was the news bulletin which was broadcast on the 9 P.M. news on KDKA radio in Pittsburgh on the night of December 9, 1965. I am not aware of any statements that were ever released by any of the Nike facilities in the Pittsburgh area that night. I never saw any statements in print (except a small quote from a spokesman, see below), nor did I hear any specific press statements in the days to follow. The sighting reports of the brilliant object moving across the sky did receive wide exposure, since it was covered by the local and national news media.

Despite the original news reports, there was apparently no fire near Kecksburg. We now know that witnesses saw the object fall slowly from the sky into a wooded area near Kecksburg during the late afternoon of December 9, 1965. Moments after the object fell, a column of blue smoke rose above the trees, but quickly dissipated. I am unaware of any actual reports of flame or fire at the location where the object is reported to have fallen. It is likely that reports of a fire originated from observers who saw the column of smoke rising briefly after the object fell.

There was never any information released that I am aware of which would suggest that a missile was involved. A spokesman from the 662nd Radar Squadron based near Pittsburgh was quoted by the Greensburg, PA Tribune-Review of December 10, 1965, as stating that there was "no definite answer" to what the object was. He told the Tribune Review that the object was not any "hardware" of the Defense Department. The description of the object, as reported by numerous observers, doesn't fit with that of a missile.

It was coincidental that KDKA talk show host Mike Levine had scheduled Frank Edwards as a guest on his Contact radio show on the same night of the Kecksburg

incident. Edwards had written some books on the Flying Saucer mystery, and much of the show that night was a discussion about the sightings around the Pittsburgh area of the fiery object, and the frequent news updates that were coming in about the object.

The news media at the time focused on the observation of an eight year old boy, who lived within walking distance of the wooded area where the object reportedly fell. The boy and his young sister were outside playing at the time. It was December, but the temperature was near 40. The boy caught sight of the fiery object out of the corner of his eye as it fell into woods not far away. He and his sister ran home where they told their mother about the occurrence. Their mother looked outside and was able to see a cloud of blue smoke that was rising from the woods. The kids proceeded to run towards the area where it appeared that the object had fallen, but their mother, thinking that there could be some danger, stopped them before they reached the area. The smoke subsided quickly.

The best approximate time of observation in the general Pittsburgh area is 4:47 P.M. The late John Murphy, who was the news director of WHJB radio in Greensburg, PA at the time, began documenting information about this event as the story was unfolding. Murphy, in the days after the incident, produced a radio documentary on the event called "Object In the Woods." Murphy had no idea that the information he had gathered at the time would become so important years later. Included in the radio broadcast, Murphy is quoted as saying, "The control tower at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport definitely confirmed the fact that there was an object in the sky at that time, thirteen minutes before five."

I was a sixteen year old teenager in 1965 when the Kecksburg UFO incident occurred in Mount Pleasant Township, not far from my hometown of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. I was already very interested in the UFO subject. I had been frequenting the local library since I was 10 years old, searching for what information they had on this controversial subject. I had tuned into KDKA radio that night to listen to Frank Edwards discussion about flying saucers, and I was even more intrigued by the local reports of many people having seen a luminous object in the sky.

I was running back and forth from room to room trying to watch for any television coverage, while tuning around the AM radio band trying to find the latest news broadcasts from various stations. I'll never forget watching the special bulletins from KDKA-TV in Pittsburgh that evening on our black and white console television. The late Bill Burns, a well known Pittsburgh reporter broke into regular TV programming that night on more than one occasion. The most dramatic detail he offered was that the military had arrived on the scene in the Kecksburg area. The area around where the object was said to have fallen was being cordoned off, and a search was being conducted to locate the object that reportedly fell from the sky. I had no

transportation to the area, so I stayed up late trying to find what news information was forthcoming. I couldn't wait until the next day to read the local papers.

I wasn't disappointed as the UFO story made the front page in the largest local newspaper the Greensburg, PA Tribune-Review on December 10, 1965. The story was headlined, "Unidentified Flying Object Falls Near Kecksburg." Above the headline it stated, "Army Ropes Off Area." Included in the story was the statement, "The area where the object landed was immediately sealed off on the order of U.S. Army and state police officials, reportedly in anticipation of a "close inspection" of whatever may have fallen."

Robert Gatty, a reporter for the Tribune-Review, was on the scene that night. In the interviews that I have conducted with Gatty, I learned that he was convinced that "something" fell from the sky that day in 1965, and it was down in the woods. Gatty, like other observers that evening, tried to go down to the crash site, but was prevented from doing so by the officials at that scene.

The later edition of the Tribune-Review had other stories about the reported UFO incident. But the headline which caught my eye said, "Searchers Fail To Find Object." The story included a statement from Captain Joseph Dussia, the commander of Troop A State Police headquarters in Greensburg, who was quoted as saying that the search, "uncovered absolutely nothing." Also, in that article, a spokesman from the 662nd Radar Squadron was quoted as saying, "that as far as the department (Defense Department) is concerned the object was a natural phenomena." The official Air Force explanation for the event was a meteor.

The UFO story was also covered in the Pittsburgh Press and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, along with many other local small town papers. Both the AP and UPI transmitted wire stories about the incident which were picked up by newspapers nationwide. Many news reporters were indeed in the Kecksburg area that night, and they witnessed various activity around that small farm community. Most of the major Pittsburgh TV stations had a news crew at the scene. I personally knew the cameramen who represented these stations and shot this footage for the local news. There were also representatives from some area radio stations and newspapers as well.

Not only did the media respond to the Kecksburg area that Thursday night, but so did the public. As the reports of the brilliant object came to the attention of the authorities and the news media, the word was getting out to the public through the news broadcasts. Apparently hundreds of people, not only from communities around Kecksburg and Westmoreland County, but also from throughout Western Pennsylvania descended onto that rural location after hearing the reports that the object may have fallen.

While the government explanation of a meteor may have satisfied the general public, it is now known that multitudes of people had some association with this incident. Many of those involved do not accept the government's explanation. It now appears that the events of that day will affect the lives of some of these witnesses forever.

I clearly recall the discussion around this community within days after the incident. People reportedly saw a large military flat bed tractor trailer truck carrying an object covered with a tarpaulin away from the area near where the object reportedly fell near Kecksburg. I obtained bits and pieces of information concerning the case in the months after the event, but it was obvious that it wasn't going to be easy for a teenaged city boy to uncover much detail.

In the 1980's, my investigation into the case intensified. In 1984, researcher Ray Boeche and I utilized the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to attempt to locate any government documents concerning the Kecksburg case. In February of 1985, the only official document on the incident which has surfaced to date was located. That report was the Project Blue Book file on the incident, but it was listed under Acme, not Kecksburg. The reason I believe that the location is listed as Acme, is that the Air Force interviewed witnesses of a family who lived not far from the crash site, but who had an Acme mailing address.

The official Air Force conclusion was listed as (ASTRO) meteor. The report did contain numerous handwritten memos along with other information. Included in one of those memos was the statement, "A further call was made to the Oakdale Radar site in Pennsylvania. A three man team has been dispatched to Acme {Kecksburg}, PA to investigate and pick up an object that started a fire." The report also indicated that the search for the object continued until about 2 A.M. but nothing was found.

### **The Witnesses**

As time went on, more and more pieces of information came my way which suggested that there may have been more to the story than just of a meteor. I have spoken with hundreds of people who have had some involvement with the incident. Many first hand witnesses have come forward, providing me with pieces of the puzzle in my quest to learn what that mysterious object was that fell from the sky and was apparently recovered by the military that day in 1965.

It is sad that so many important witnesses who were involved with the Kecksburg incident are no longer with us. Many other witnesses are elderly, and their memories are fading. Some others involved with the case are having health problems. It is fortunate that many of these people have documented their experiences by providing me with written statements and/or taped interviews.





Figure 1. Photo of the model of the acorn shaped object made for the Unsolved Mysteries show on the incident in 1990. The mockup now rests behind the Kecksburg Volunteer Fire Department. Credit: Stan Gordon

In recent years, more people who had involvement with the Kecksburg incident have gone public, standing up to those who ridicule them. Many of these witnesses were children or teenagers in 1965, and remember the events of that time quite well. In some cases, witnesses have been able to verify unpublished or little known details about the incident which others have reported to me.

The Kecksburg witnesses come from all walks of life including farmers, teachers, law enforcement officers, reporters, engineers, and a funeral home director. There are numerous recent leads which I am still following up on. Many of the reports I have on record are from individuals who have not gone public. Since Unsolved Mysteries broadcast a program on the Kecksburg incident in 1990, it has become apparent that there are a few individuals from around that community who claim that the UFO incident is only a hoax. In fact they feel that the story is exaggerated.

There has indeed been quite an emotional dispute over this local event. There has been name calling and some friendships lost. One of the big questions that so many people ask is why are only a few people saying that nothing happened? Especially when multitudes of people swear that the incident occurred and that the military was involved that day. Many of these witnesses are willing to testify under oath if such an opportunity would arise in the future.

Many of the old timers from around Mount Pleasant Township remember that incident. Some of these folks had family members, friends or neighbors directly involved. In past years, I had the opportunity to interview some of the local firemen from Kecksburg who took part in the activities associated with that event. Most of these fellows are now deceased. Many of the locals whom I have spoken with about

this case ask to remain anonymous. They don't want involved in this local feud. Some individuals, because of their jobs, have also asked to remain anonymous.

### **The Object in the Sky**

It is well recorded that large numbers of people on the ground, as well as pilots of aircraft, observed the brilliant fireball traverse the sky late that afternoon on December 9, 1965. The news media and police agencies around the Pittsburgh, PA area were deluged with sighting reports. We now know that the object moved roughly eastward over Westmoreland County, and passed over the city of Greensburg. The object continued to move over Route 30 East, then turned to the South. Various witnesses from local communities such as Margurite, Norvelt, and Mammoth confirm that the object was moving toward the Laurelville area.

Randy Overly and his friend were playing outside near the village of Norvelt that afternoon. They were drawn to look skyward after hearing a hissing sound in the distance. Randy recalled how they watched a slow moving object approach them, fly only about 200 feet overhead, then move off in the distance. The object was described as looking similar to an acorn and was a brownish-grayish color and it was engulfed in a vapor. There were flames of various colors around the rear of the object. It was because the object was moving so slowly that a detailed description of the object was obtainable.

One witness, Bill Bulebush from Mammoth, was tuning his CB radio in the car that afternoon when he looked up to see the fiery object moving from Norvelt towards the mountain near Laurelville. Bulebush said the object appeared to hesitate over the Laurelville area, then made a turn and then began to travel northeast towards Kecksburg, where he saw it descending. He then chased after it in his vehicle. Numerous other observers near Laurelville saw the object also moving towards Kecksburg. It is along that path near Norvelt where it appears that the object may have been slowing down before its descent into the woods near Kecksburg, only miles away.

We now know that a number of people around the Kecksburg area observed the object fall into the woods that afternoon just as it was getting dark. The object did not descend at a high rate of speed, but appeared more like a controlled landing. According to observers, the blue smoke rising up above the trees marked the location of impact. The smoke dissipated in minutes, and there has never been any confirmed reports of an actual fire at the scene.

## **The Military and Government Response**

The only official report that has been found on the Kecksburg incident is from the Air Force Project Blue Book files and it states that only three Air Force men from the 662nd radar Squadron were involved in the search. That the Army was involved that night seems quite likely from the newspaper accounts that mention the Army involvement, to the many eyewitnesses who observed or in some cases interacted with soldiers. Not only do observers claim Air Force and Army involvement, but also other eyewitnesses say that NASA took part in the investigation at the scene as well. Official looking men in dress suits were also reportedly seen at the Kecksburg location.

## **A Synopsis of Some Eyewitness Accounts and Other Details**

Mable Mazza was the officer manager of WHJB radio in Greensburg, PA in 1965. She stayed over at the station that evening to help answer the numerous phone calls coming into the station about the object in the sky. She states that later in the evening she began to receive calls from the military including the Air Force and the Pentagon, and that they were asking her for specific directions to the Kecksburg area.

The object fell around 4:47 P.M., but it wasn't until after 6:30 P.M. that the mother of the young boy who saw the object fall, reported this to WHJB radio in Greensburg. The station's news director, John Murphy after obtaining this information contacted the Troop A state police barracks in Greensburg. Murphy then left for the Kecksburg location and was there for quite a while before Carl Metz, the state police fire marshal and another investigator arrived on the scene. Also, with the two investigators was the young boy who saw the object fall, and his mother who saw the smoke.

The two men went down into the woods with a Geiger counter and flashlights. When they came out of the woods Murphy at one point asked Carl Metz if he had found anything. Metz replied that he wasn't sure. But when Murphy pressed Metz again he responded, "You better get your information from the Army." This led Murphy to believe that there was something down in the woods of military interest.

Reporter John Murphy, after talking with the state police fire marshal who had just returned from the woods, called the state police barracks in Greensburg to find out the latest information on the incident. He was told to come into the barracks, that members of the 662nd Radar Squadron from Oakdale were on their way in to that facility. When Murphy arrived at that location, he said that he saw members of both the Army and Air Force at the barracks. Later, a decision was made to go back to Kecksburg with the military who were at the police headquarters. Murphy obtained permission to go back with them. When they arrived in the vicinity, Murphy was denied access to go into the woods with the officials.

Tribune-Review reporter Ernie Hoffman replaced Bob Gatty at the Kecksburg scene that night. Hoffman states that he saw a military flatbed tractor-trailer truck carrying some type of cargo covered with a tarp, that was a distance away across a field and moving along a tree line.

Bill Bulebush lived a short distance from the impact site. After he saw the object descend over the Kecksburg area, he jumped into his car and went to the top of a hill on what is now called "Meteor Road" and observed flashing blue lights down in the woods below. It was almost dark, but he walked down towards the area with a flashlight. He was somewhat familiar with the area since he had hunted down there. Bulebush stood behind a tree as he looked upon a metallic acorn-shaped object that appeared to have made a belly landing. On the back of the object were unusual markings, and a blue arching was emitting from the object at intervals. Bulebush noticed that trees in the area had been damaged.

Jim Romansky was a volunteer fireman from a small community outside of Kecksburg. Romansky says that his fire company was dispatched to the Kecksburg area to assist in the search for what was initially thought to be a possible downed aircraft. The search teams spread out, and soon Romansky and his team heard a report over their walkie-talkie that the crash scene had been located. Upon arriving at that location, Romansky and the other firemen observed the fallen object. Romansky, who has many years experience as a machinist, said the object which was semi-buried in the ground, and it looked like someone took liquid metal and poured it into an acorn shaped mold.

Jim stood on the bank looking down at the object which appeared to be 10 to 12 feet or more in length, and approximately 8 to 10 feet in diameter. At the back of the object was a raised ring area about 8 to 10 inches wide. It was around the ring area that Jim saw strange markings that he felt looked similar to ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics. Jim felt that an adult man could have easily stood up inside the object. The object which was described as a distinctive off gold color, was odd in that there were no rivets, seams, wings, fuselage visible. While the searchers were checking out the object, two men in trench coats came down through the woods and told them that the area was now quarantined and they had to leave immediately. Just behind the two men, were members of the military.

Three other witnesses have been interviewed who have stated that they also saw the object down in the woods before it was taken from that location. Jerry Betters, who is well known as a jazz musician in the Pittsburgh area went to the Kecksburg area that night after hearing the news accounts. Jerry and his friends were unfamiliar with the area, but found their way onto a farm lane. Jerry recalls seeing various military vehicles, soldiers with rifles, and other people at the site.

His attention was drawn to a military flatbed tractor-trailer truck which was hauling a strange acorn shaped object with odd markings on it. For whatever reason the object was not covered at that time. Jerry said that it appeared that the truck was having trouble trying to travel up through the field. At that point, a military officer in a very harsh tone commanded the soldiers to get the civilians out of the area. The soldiers aimed their rifles at the people and the observers soon departed.

### **The Object Is Removed From The Area**

It has been reported that at about 1 A.M. on December 10, 1965, a military flatbed tractor-trailer truck carrying a large object covered with a tarpaulin, and with other escort vehicles, departed the Kecksburg area at a high rate of speed.

\*In 1990 previous to the Unsolved Mysteries broadcast of their Kecksburg UFO episode, I was contacted by a man who provided me with detailed information concerning his experience as having been a member of an Air Force security team at Lockbourne Air Force Base near Columbus, Ohio, which guarded the object during the early morning of December 10, 1965, after it arrived from Pennsylvania. The object was backed into a hanger, and the security was reportedly tighter at the base that night than it had been when President Kennedy had previously visited the facility. The object apparently only stayed at that base for a short time that morning, then reportedly was being transported to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio.

After the Unsolved Mysteries episode aired on the Kecksburg Incident, many new leads came to my attention both locally and nationally. One important report came from a truck driver (Myron) who stated that in 1965 he had worked for a large supply company in Ohio. A few days after the incident in Pennsylvania, a Navy officer came to that supply house and ordered a large quantity of a special type of glazed brick that was to go to the Wright-Patterson facility. Another truck driver has verified that he took the first load of that brick to the base the day before Myron made his delivery. That witness said that he saw a flatbed trailer with an object shaped like "a liberty bell" under a tarp sitting upright on it.

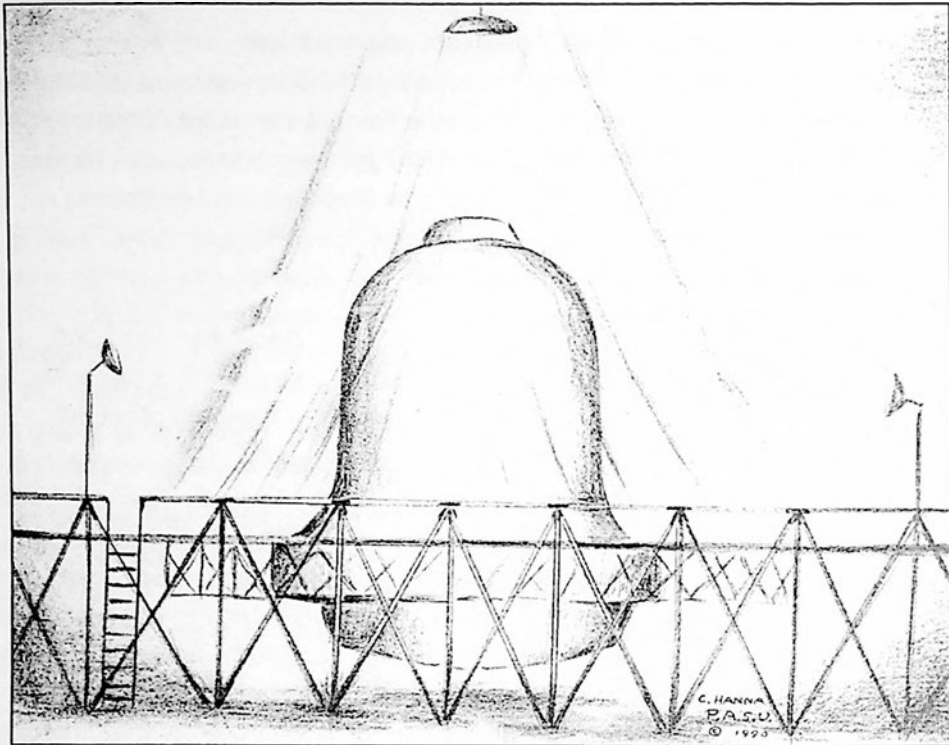


Figure 2. Sketch of the object seen in a building at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base based on eyewitness account. Credit: Charles Hanna

Myron and the other driver both went to the base the next day with their loads of bricks. Myron observed armed men in white coveralls who were going in and out of a warehouse building on a regular basis, and being curious he approached the entrance of the building. Inside he observed a bell shaped object that appeared generally dull copper or bronze in color with strange markings which was surrounded by scaffolding. Myron says that once it was determined that he wasn't supposed to have seen what he did, that he was threatened. He was also told something to the affect that "in twenty years this will all be public knowledge."

Myron said the only reason that he had called me now was that he thought that it would be okay to discuss what he saw since it was now on TV. Myron said that the brick was the exact same color as the building that it was taken to. The brick was reportedly going to be used build a protective shield around the object where it was going to be "entombed" or sealed up inside the existing brick warehouse. Myron provided myself and the late Len Stringfield who assisted me with the investigation, with many details. Myron indicated that he thought that he could take us to the exact building if we could get access to the base. Where the object is located today is unknown.

## The Landing Site

Initially, the large wooded area where the object reportedly fell was known to many, but the exact location of the landing was unknown. In the mid-1980's, my associate George Lutz and I were looking through that wooded area when we both noticed a series of older trees that appeared to have been knocked over, some in the same direction, and some appeared to have been damaged. This tree path continued down through the woods into the bottom of the ravine, and was suggestive that this could have been the trajectory of the object as it was descending. We were able to get a good perspective as to where the object may have landed.

In 1987, I was holding a large UFO display for the public at a local mall. A man and his family were walking by and stopped to look at our display. I had a small amount of information on the Kecksburg event, and one of my associates and another man were talking about that case. The man who was with his family spoke up and asked if they were talking about the UFO incident near Kecksburg. They acknowledged that, and the man went on to say how he was on one of the search teams that found the object in the woods. That man was Jim Romansky.

He walked around that area for quite a while. There were some landmarks that he recalled seeing that night that he was looking for. After a period of time he indicated a location to us that was most intriguing. It was the general location where we estimated from the damaged tree path that the object had fallen.

Jim indicated that the night he saw the object, it was dark, the searchers had only flashlights, and he was unfamiliar with the area, but it looked like the object may have made a trench as it came to rest. Yet, right next to the location was a dry wash that could give one an impression of looking like a long trench in the dark. It now appears that the object fell into that wash area.

A year later (1988) , a tip was received that another resident not far from Kecksburg had also gone down in the woods that day in 1965, and saw the object in the ground soon after it fell. That lead was important, as it led us to Bill Bulebush. This witness was contacted and he confirmed that he had indeed seen the object in the woods. He was interviewed and he agreed to take us down into the woods and show us the spot where the object landed.

Bill took us down into the woods from a different entrance than we had gone in with Romansky. Bill took us down the hill from Meteor Road, the location from where he had observed the blue arching lights down in the woods. When we arrived at the location, Bill took us to a particular tree that he had stood behind that day from where he observed the object. From that tree he pointed out the location where the object had rested. It was the same spot that Romansky had taken us to. This location is on private property, therefore I am not pinpointing the exact location for this reason.



Figure 3. Sketch of acorn shaped object semi-buried in the ground in the woods. Credit: Charles Hanna



Figure 4. Photo of damaged tree near the reported crash location. Credit: Stan Gordon



## What Was the Object?

Over the years many explanations have come to my attention concerning the possible origin of the object. These have included a downed aircraft, a meteorite, a missile, a projectile fired from a giant gun in Canada, a secret spy plane, a Soviet Venus probe (COSMOS 96) that didn't complete its mission, and one witness was reportedly told by an Air Force officer that a Gemini capsule had been expelled in the area. Most of these explanations can be ruled out by the information that is on hand.

COSMOS 96 has been the most likely possibility since we have information from the U.S. Space Command that it re-entered the Earth's atmosphere at 3:18 A.M. in Canada on that same date in 1965. If the eyewitness accounts are even close to what actually took place, then questions remain as to how this would relate to COSMOS 96.

The slow trajectory of the object reported by many observers, the apparent change of direction of the object before it fell, and the slow controlled-like descent of the object into the woods all have to be dealt with. Information that has been obtained concerning this Soviet space device suggests that it wasn't capable of such maneuvers. Also the size of the object reportedly seen on the ground is large in comparison to what the Venus probe itself is reported to have been. There is no doubt in my mind that an object of unknown origin did fall near Kecksburg. The origin of the object remains an open question.

## The Cfi Kecksburg Investigation

On October 22, 2002, a press conference was held in Washington, D.C. announcing the formation of the (CFi) Coalition for Freedom of Information, a new group seeking to find knowledge about the UFO phenomena by having secret records on such cases declassified. The Cfi initiative is backed by the SCI-FI Channel which has shown an interest in the UFO mystery for quite a while. It was the Kecksburg incident that was focused on during that media event. Since then, Leslie Kean, an independent journalist and director of investigations for Cfi, has been busy filing many FOIA requests and tracking down leads around the country who might have knowledge about this 1965 incident.

Leslie and I have been working closely together in seeking out hidden and new information about what happened at Kecksburg. By the time you read this paper, the SCI-FI Channel's new tv documentary, "The New Roswell: Kecksburg Exposed" will have aired on October 24th. The show should contain a lot of new information and eyewitness accounts concerning this event.

One of the most interesting accomplishments of the investigation is the fact that former Air Force personnel who were members of the 662nd Radar Squadron, have been located and interviewed. Leslie will be compiling a report on what she learned

from these men and will release it at a future date. Leslie does state the following information about her initial findings which was posted on the CFI website at: <http://www.freedomofinfo.org> under the heading, "Update on the Kecksburg Investigation, June, 2003.

"These interviews have added a great deal of new information, while heightening the contradictions inherent in the investigation. Three 662nd members told us that nothing was found that night. However, there are glaring, puzzling contradictions within the accounts provided by them on major points. Discrepancies also exist between what some of them said versus reports in the media and in the Blue Book files. We are not certain if this is simply a question of memory, or if other factors are at play." For the latest updates on the Kecksburg investigation, go to the CFI website at: <http://www.freedomofinfo.org>.

### **Was there a Cover-up?**

More information continues to surface on the Kecksburg Incident, which strongly suggests that the public was neither told the truth about the government involvement with this event, nor of the apparent recovery of an object of unknown origin from the Kecksburg area. As stated before, according to the only government document on the case, only three Air Force personnel were involved with the search that night. Numerous civilians, as well as reporters reported seeing Army personnel and/or vehicles around the Kecksburg area that night.

News accounts at that time also mention the Army involvement. In the December 10, 1965, edition of the Pittsburgh, (PA) Press in an article concerning the fireball it was stated, "State police from Greensburg, Army and Air Force officials, scientists, and volunteer firemen from Kecksburg conducted the search in a 75 acre area under a full moon as about 150 onlookers joked about little green men and flying saucers."

While not as widely known, there are a number of local witnesses who state that the day after the incident, there was a smaller number of government officials who returned to the scene. This activity was also confirmed in the Pittsburgh Press article of December 10, 1965, where it is also stated, "Meanwhile, scientists, and Army and Air Force officials resumed a search today for a smoldering object reported to have fallen in a wooded area-Kecksburg in Westmoreland County."

Some civilian witnesses who were on the scene at Kecksburg in 1965 have gone on record and have provided statements to the effect that they attempted to sneak down into the woods to the impact site and were stopped by armed military personnel. Other observers have stated that military personnel actually aimed rifles at them in an effort to make them leave the area. Myron, the truck driver who said he saw the object in a building at Wright-Patterson Air Force base claims that he was threatened to keep silent about what he saw.

Soon after the incident, WHJB news director John Murphy and his staff produced a radio documentary on this local event which was called, "Object In The Woods." It was broadcast about a week later, but in a censored format. This was reportedly because some witnesses who had been interviewed for the show had suddenly changed their minds and didn't want their statements aired. It was stated in the broadcast that one witness was afraid of the state police, and another was afraid of getting in trouble with the Army.

Linda Foschia, the continuity director for WHJB Radio in 1965, states that she was at the station when some government men came in to talk with Murphy. She said after they left, John was very upset, and he told her that they had confiscated some of his interview tapes for the broadcast.

Another witness who has now gone public is Mike Slater, an engineer employed by a large electronics company. Mike and his family lived in Kecksburg in 1965 close to the Pepsi Cola plant that was a busy place back in those days. Mike was 14 years old then, and he remembers that night clearly. He was amazed at the presence of the military vehicles coming into town from more than one road that evening. While he saw a lot of activity that night, the event that stuck in his mind was when an Army jeep with a driver and officer that pulled up by his sidewalk where he and his brother stood.

The officer mentioned that they were having a problem with the numerous people who were coming into the area to look for the crash site. They then asked the boys if they would be willing to help them out, and mentioned that, "they could do a great service to their country." What the boys were asked to do was to give people looking for the site the wrong directions. Mike and his brother apparently had fun all evening sending people the wrong way.

### **The Question of Bodies**

One of the most controversial aspect of the case is the question if any bodies were associated with the Kecksburg crash. I'll make it clear, there has never been any substantial information which would verify that bodies (human or non-human) were found at the crash site at Kecksburg. In more recent years, I have heard rumors that are not widely known, that two small bodies were supposedly found at the impact location in 1965. I have generally accepted this as hearsay since there has never been any evidence to back up these claims.

While I was interviewing witnesses for my 1998 video documentary on this incident called "Kecksburg, The Untold Story," I had the opportunity to talk in detail with "Myron" the retired truck driver who I had previously mentioned claimed that he saw a bell shaped object in a warehouse building at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base within days of the recovery in Pennsylvania. It was obvious that Myron was in poor

health. As we were discussing what he saw in 1965, Myron suddenly mentioned something which caused myself and the video production crew to look at the man with astonishment.

Myron went on to describe to us that not only had he seen the odd metallic object surrounded by scaffolding in the building where it was apparently being examined, but he also saw a body lying on a workbench in that same room. Myron said that there was a white cover over the entire body, which he estimated to be approximately 4 ½ to 5 feet tall, and would weigh about 80 pounds. The only feature that Myron could see "was the left hand sticking out from under the cover." He indicated that he could only see three index fingers, and the skin looked "lizard like."

When Myron discussed this matter with his son as to why he was going to reveal this information to us he told him, "I might not live till tomorrow or the next day, so I'll tell it all tonight and get done with it." As I stated in my Kecksburg video documentary, if Myron is accurate in describing the hand, we shouldn't rule out the possibility of a human passenger who could have been involved in an accident, and was exposed to fire or radiation giving the appendage this abnormal look.

In late 2002 as a result of some local news coverage concerning the SCI FI and CFI investigation into the Kecksburg event, a number of new leads came to my attention. One name stuck out in the crowd. We will call this witness Joel, which is a pseudonym for the witness who doesn't want publicly involved, and has already experienced some ridicule from people even close to him. Joel's name first came to my attention about 13 years ago from a tip which indicated that this man had hidden down in the woods in 1965, and he observed much of the military recovery operation. He was contacted at that time, and while not denying this account, he stated that he didn't want to get involved and appeared fearful that he might get in trouble with the government if he talked about what he knew.

Once the news broke of this serious investigation into the Kecksburg incident, Joel decided that he would talk. On November 13, 2002, I met Joel at his rural home. Joel is in his sixties, and is a retired factory worker. Joel was very cordial, but almost immediately stated that he nearly called me to cancel the interview. He said his wife didn't want him involved. Another concern seemed to be his fear of getting in trouble with the government if he revealed what he had seen. He finally permitted the interview to continue.

Joel described how he and his brother had seen the object moving through the sky that day, which at times changed directions. They soon heard that the object had fallen near Kecksburg, and they went to that location since Joel was somewhat familiar with the area since he had hunted there. Joel's brother stayed by his car, but Joel decided to head down towards the large wooded area below. He said he was down there for a while when his attention turned to a metallic object which was

emitting bright flashes of colors, "like electricity." He said it looked like the object had skidded when it landed.

Joel hid behind a tree and watched as various people began to enter the woods. Joel, who had previous military experience, recognized Army and Air Force personnel. He also saw men not in uniform, and oddly enough, several men in dress suits and hats. The men in suits seemed to be controlling the operation in the woods, which was unfolding before Joel's eyes. Joel said that he watched as an Army general jumped on top of the odd metallic object. This officer had some type of probe in his hand that, to Joel, looked similar to a police officer's billy club but longer. For whatever reason the officer struck the object, and the tool bounced out of his hands.

At this point in the interview, Joel's facial expression changed, and you could hear in his voice that he was about to discuss something that was uncomfortable to him. Joel went on to describe that soon after the military officer struck the object, a hatch opened that swung from right to left, at the front of the object. When it opened there was an odd whirling-hissing sound, and Joel said he saw what looked like, "two fingers and an unusually long arm" extend out of the hatch. He went on to comment that, "it seemed to stretch like elastic."

The hatch appeared to open from the inside, and Joel indicated that there could have been more fingers around the back of the hatch, but that's all he could see. The arm angled up and over the front of the hatch. Within seconds the hatch closed very hard. Joel said that there had to be another arm that closed the hatch from within, but he didn't see it. When the hatch closed, it made a very loud sound like metal hitting metal.

At that point the officer jumped off of the object. Soon thereafter, there were numerous soldiers using shovels to clear dirt and debris away from the object, in preparation for its removal from the site. Joel remembers one officer yelling out that "we ain't got much time." One detail that Joel also mentioned which is curious is that he saw some of the men in dress suits looking over an area on the ground where the leaves were in a big round circle near where the object rested. There appeared to have been some marks on the ground that from Joel's position some distance away, looked similar to a deer trail.

Joel stated, "I don't know what the heck else did it, unless the deer did it. But these guys were really digging into those leaves taking pictures. I'll tell you what, I bet the one man in the suit must have taken anywhere from from 10 to 15 pictures at least. I mean of the ground and terrain, and also pictures of the hickey itself."

Joel speculated that possibly something had gotten out of the object before he arrived on the scene, and this was the evidence that the men were looking at. Joel later said to me, "I'll tell you what, something manned that son of a gun."

In the hours that I have spent interviewing Joel in person and on the telephone, he has provided me a detailed description of the removal of the object, and the activities that he reportedly saw going on at the crash site. Joel has admitted that his memory isn't as good as it used to be. There are some details that he has forgotten, and some are now unclear, but many aspects of the event he remembers well.

My feeling is that Joel is relating the events of that day to the best of his ability. There are certain details which are not widely known that Joel related to me that fit with information I have received from other sources. Joel wants no public attention at this point since his family is against it, but he is willing to swear under oath if such an opportunity would occur about his experiences at Kecksburg.

Another witness, Bill Weaver, was a teenager in 1965. Today Bill holds a responsible position with a large manufacturing company. On that December day, Bill heard the radio news reports that an object had fallen in the Kecksburg area, and since he was out cruising and lived close by, he drove over. He found himself on the farm lane that numerous other people reported various activity, including a military presence.

While Bill stood there with others on the lane looking down towards the wooded ravine, where he could see a strange bright light, a large light colored box truck pulled up. From out of the truck exited four men wearing an odd white covering which Bill described as moon suits. The men were carrying a box shaped device which was about 4 or 5 feet square, on a stretcher-like base with four handles down through the field towards the wooded area. Soon after, a military officer approached the civilians and told them that they would have to leave the area. Bill was curious about the activity taking place and he wanted to stay and observe. Bill got into an argument with the officer, and Bill was told that if he didn't leave the area they would confiscate his car.

The men were heading down through the field near the house that the Hay's family was renting, which was on the way to the impact location. John Hays mentioned seeing two similar box shaped devices with the personnel who were around the house. One must wonder what the purpose was of having had these containers brought to this scene. It seems apparent that the metallic object which was reported wouldn't fit inside of these boxes. Was the government aware that there was someone or something inside?

Don Sebastian was also involved in the Kecksburg incident, even though he was not from that area. He lived in Johnstown, about 40 miles away. After hearing the radio news reports of the possible landing, he and two friends drove to Kecksburg that night. His description of the area fits well with the farm lane that many other people reported various activity on that night. When the group first got into the area they were stopped by state police at a road block. They were curious, and having driven so far wanted to find out more.

The girl in the car was frightened over the occurrence, and her boyfriend stayed in the car with her. Don was able to get past the road block on foot without being seen, and a few hundred feet away came across two military olive green flatbed tractor-trailer trucks. He stood up on a tire or bumper of one of the trucks to be able to look down into fields and woods below. He observed in an open field approximately 100 soldiers in a single line formation with their rifles all at hip level and they were advancing on the wooded area. Don said, "Their stride was coordinated and looked like a trained drill."

About 10 minutes or so later, Don heard very loud screams coming from the direction of those woods, which made the hair stand up on the back of his neck. He indicated that he didn't think that a human could produce that volume of sound. At that point after hearing the screams, he quickly returned to the car. If these accounts are indeed true, as strange as they might seem, then we have to consider the possibility that there could have been someone or something inside the object that fell in Kecksburg.

### **Addendum**

On October 21st, the SCI FI Channel and the CFI held a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. concerning their investigation of the Kecksburg incident. During the conference, Leslie Kean released some information which she had recently obtained which appears to rule out Cosmos 96 as the source of the Kecksburg incident. This information came from Nicholas Johnson, Chief Scientist for Orbital Debris at the NASA Johnson Space Center. Johnson is an internationally recognized authority on orbital debris and foreign space systems. Johnson who was able to examine the orbital data of the Soviet Venus probe Cosmos 96, determined that this device could not have landed in Pennsylvania that day in 1965. According to Kean, Johnson also examined other data which showed that no man-made space object from any country landed in Pennsylvania on December 9, 1965.

During the showing of the new SCI FI TV documentary, "The New Roswell: Kecksburg Exposed," new evidence was revealed as a result of the forensic investigation conducted at the reported crash site, by Dr. Ray R. Hicks, Professor of Forestry at West Virginia University. His findings support the eyewitness accounts of an object having gone down in the woods in 1965. I have said for years, "The proof is in the trees."

At the press conference, The SCI FI channel announced their support for legal action to force various agencies to reveal what knowledge they have about the Kecksburg incident. It was revealed that the legal action would begin with NASA. The quick military response in 1965, and the refusal of the government almost 38 years

later to tell the public what it really knows about the Kecksburg incident, makes one wonder what they are really hiding.

As a result of the broadcast of the SCI FI Kecksburg documentary, and the extensive news coverage, concerning the TV special as well as the press conference, I have been inundated with e-mails and phone calls from throughout the country. Numerous new leads on the case are being brought to my attention.

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## Cosmic Crashes: UFO Crashes in Britain

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### The Flying Saucer By Newman



In 1948 British author Bernard Newman wrote a novel about an elite group of scientists that fake a series of crashed UFO incidents in New Mexico, England, and Russia. Newman's book includes information on bogus alien autopsies and UFO disinformation operations. Did Newman have access to inside information?

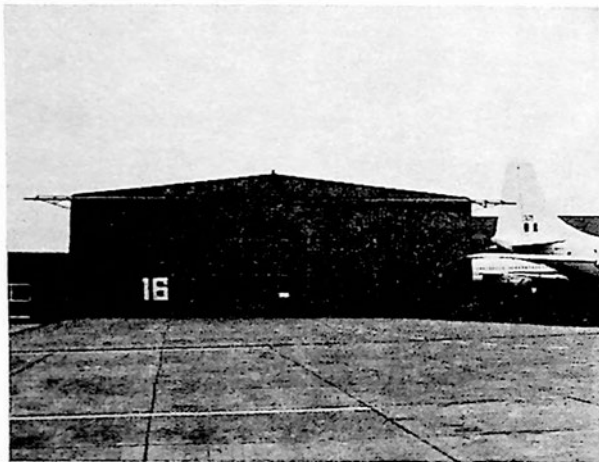
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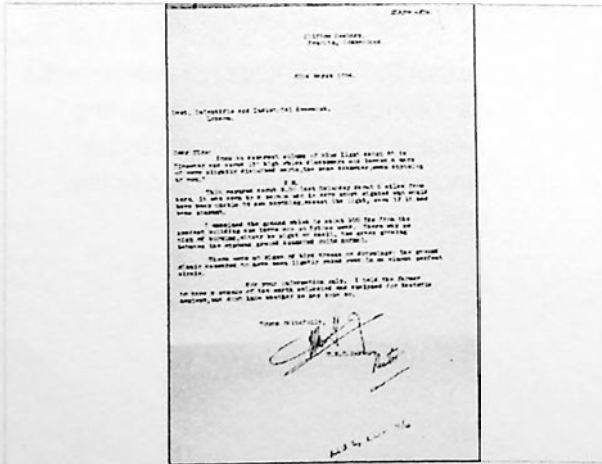
U.S. journalist Dorothy Kilgallen was informed in 1955 by a British Government source that a UFO had crashed and, along with its dead crew, was being analyzed under cover of the utmost secrecy by British and American authorities. Was Kilgallen fed this data by a sympathetic insider imparting genuine information or was this a smokescreen to further muddy the crash-retrieval waters?



The Public Record Office, London: The PRO is home to several thousand pages of previously classified Ministry of Defense and Royal Air files on UFOs.



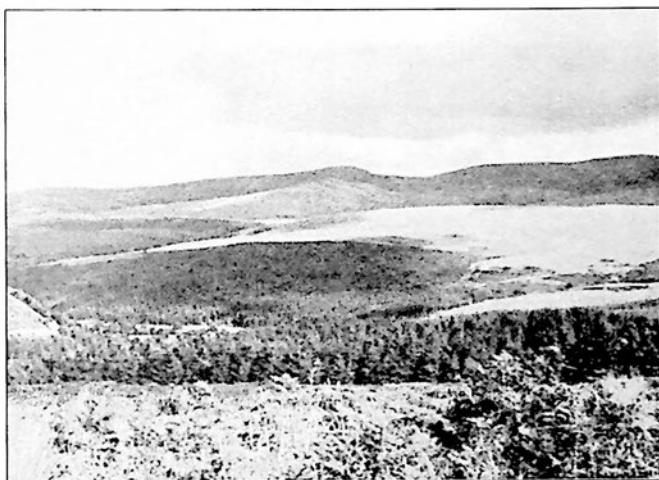
RAF Cosford Hangar: In late 1963 rumors spread among the UFO research community in Britain that a UFO had crash-landed at RAF Cosford, Shropshire, England. Files declassified by the Government's Thirty Year Ruling tell an intriguing tale.



In the wake of the incident at RAF Cosford, there was a series of strange UFO-related events in the UK, including a very early crop circle formation found in the north of England and a reported UFO crash in an English forest.



The Berwyn Mountains, North Wales: In January 1974, "something" occurred atop a mountain in North Wales. Theories range from a UFO crash to a nuclear accident and from a meteor strike to a localized earthquake. What does the evidence tell us?



The Berwyn Mountains, North Wales: The Berwyn Mountains range is vast in size and the events of January 1974 have attracted a wealth of controversy.



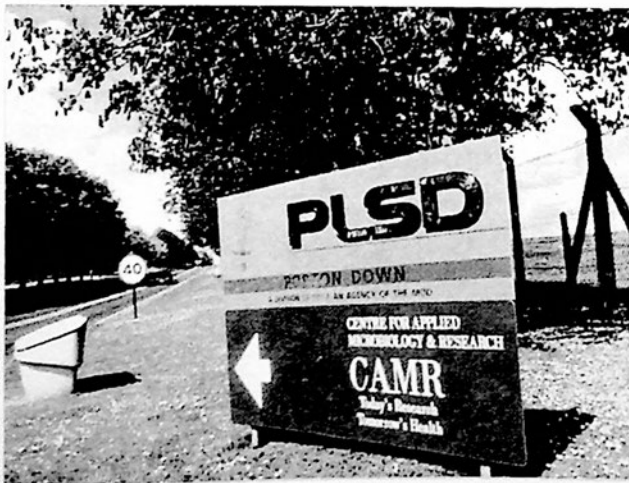
An early investigator of the Berwyn Mountains incident, Margaret Fry has interviewed a variety of sources alleging that there was a large military presence on the Berwyn Mountains on the night in question in January 1974.



Margaret Fry points to the location of the alleged incident on the Berwyn Mountains.



Andy Roberts, a long-term investigator of the Berwyn Mountains affair. How do Roberts' findings sit with those of Margaret Fry?



The entrance to Porton Down, the British Government's Chemical and Biological Defense Establishment, which became implicated in the Berwyn Mountains controversy in 1996, when a former British Army source asserted that he transported alien bodies from the mountains to Porton Down. How credible are his claims?



For years it has been rumored that RAF Rudloe Manor has been the final resting place for a number of crashed UFOs. Can this be verified?



What is the official story concerning UFOs and RAF Rudloe Manor?



GCHQ, the British equivalent of the National Security Agency, has long been rumored to have links with the UFO mystery in general and the crashed UFO controversy in particular. To what extent can this be verified?



In 1994 a classified aircraft crashed on the runway at Boscombe Down, the British Government's Test and Evaluation Center in Wiltshire, England. The aircraft was recovered undercover of the utmost secrecy, demonstrating that the British military is well equipped to deal with crash-retrieval events.

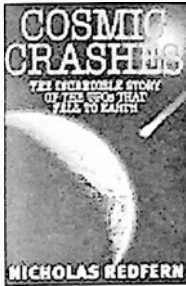


Formerly a sergeant with the British Royal Air Force at Boscombe Down, Rita Hill asserts that UFOs were involved in several unexplained air crashes at Boscombe Down in the late 1940s.



According to Rita Hill, teams of personnel were on hand at Boscombe Down to recover aircraft that crashed as a result of close encounters with UFOs.

## Cosmic Crashes By Nick Redfern



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## **Puerto Rico UFO Crashes**

**Jonathan Downes**

Jonathan Downes will be speaking about a 2-month expedition he made to Puerto Rico with a British TV crew in search of both UFOs and the Vampire-like Chupacabra that is rumored to haunt the forests of Puerto Rico. Downes will be discussing information he uncovered and cases he investigated relating to reports of UFO crash incidents in the Puerto Rican jungle and accounts of Chupacabra bodies recovered under cover of the utmost secrecy by the U.S. military.



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## The "British Area 51" & Hacker Matthew Bevan

Matthew Williams

Matthew Williams will be lecturing on his research into the secret world of a British Royal Air Force base — RAF Rudloe Manor, that has become known as the "British Area 51" and the "British Hangar 18." Williams' investigations will detail the huge underground installation that exists below the base and address the claims that alien bodies and recovered UFOs are held deep under the English countryside and within the Rudloe caverns. Williams will also be speaking about the activities of Matthew Bevan, a computer hacker that attempted to uncover the UFO secrets of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base — the location to which wreckage from the famous Roswell incident was reportedly taken.



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# The Strange Death of James Forrestal

Peter Robbins

**Abstract:** Early on the morning of May 22, 1949, James Forrestal, America's First Secretary of Defense, took his own life by going out of a sixteenth story window at the Bethesda Naval Hospital where he was being treated for depression. That is the official account at any rate. It is the contention of this paper that Mr. Forrestal was in fact murdered at the behest of powerful individuals within the United States government. His death was precipitated by a nervous breakdown brought on by combined factors, central to which was his far-reaching knowledge of UFO reality, the extraterrestrial implications of same, and his inability (in his capacity as Secretary of Defense) to impact on this national security situation in any manner whatsoever. Due to the extensive nature of the material to be presented, this telling by necessity should be considered the compressed and abbreviated version of this story. And while it is not my habit of foregoing annotations in a non-fiction text, I have done so here due to space considerations and time constraints. All of the facts put forward have credible and in most cases scholarly sources.

Before making any case however, the reader should have some idea of who this man was and a sense of the gravity of the situation he inherited when he was sworn in as Secretary of Defense on September 17, 1947.

James Vincent Forrestal was born in Dutchess County in what is now is Beacon New York in 1892. His father is a contractor active in local Democratic Party activities. His mother is a teacher at a nearby Catholic school who wants her son to become a priest. Young James attends local schools but has other ideas about his future.

In 1911 he is accepted to Dartmouth College but transfers to Princeton the following year. It is also at Princeton that he develops a deserved reputation for being aloof yet friendly. His yearbook refers to him somewhat prophetically as "the man nobody knows."

Forrestal leaves Princeton three weeks before graduating to join the Wall Street brokerage firm of Douglas Dillon (later known as Dillon Read). He leaves in 1916 to enlist in the Navy and trains with the RAF in Canada to be a flier, but the armistice precludes his seeing action in WWI and he returns to the States (and Douglas Dillon) in late 1918. He becomes a partner in 1923 and President in 1926 when Dillon dies. He also marries the same year. His wife Josephine Ogden is a former Zigfield Follies girl who many characterize as aloof. The couple make their home on Manhattan's exclusive Sutton Place.

Over the next dozen years while most Americans are struggling through the Depression, James Forrestal prospers on Wall Street and is making \$70,000 a year by 1938, a millionaire by contemporary terms.

Wall Street banker Ferdinand Eberstadt is a mentor of Forrestal's and also a financial advisor to Franklin Roosevelt. Not long after Eberstadt brings his protégé's considerable

skills to FDR's attention, Forrestal is invited to join the administration's so-called brain trust — a select group of business leaders who advise the President on economic matters. Forrestal accepts and puts his business life on hold (forever, as it turned out), and moves his family to Washington, accepting a dollar-a-year to be at the call of the President.

In May 1940 Forrestal is appointed Under Secretary of Navy and put in charge of all manufacturing and supplies for the Navy, including all relevant liaising. He is soon directing and overseeing the manufacture and flow of all Navy war needs: a staggering assignment by any standards. By all accounts the Under Secretary does a superb job and seems to thrive in the ultra-high stress atmosphere. When Navy Secretary Frank Knox dies of a heart attack later that year, Roosevelt has Forrestal sworn in as the new Secretary. It is also in 1940 that he begins to keep a diary. Not wanting to trust anything to memory, it is Forrestal's habit of dictating everything that transpires to naval secretarial personnel nightly, sometimes staying as late as midnight. The diary includes particulars on everyone he meets with, the subject of their conversations and the content of the meetings he attends. He will continue keeping this diary until early 1949.

No desk jockey or poseur, Secretary Forrestal distress's Pentagon underlings by putting himself in harm's way — at the Battles of Laiti Gulf, Iwo Jima, the Solomons and at Normandy. It is Forrestal who is the key player in securing and finalizing the Lend Lease Agreement by which the British are advanced millions of tons of badly-needed war materiel on an open-ended basis. He continues to serve with distinction throughout the remainder of the war.

Following secession of hostilities, President Truman asks the Army and the Navy to submit plans for a unification of the forces. The President favors the Navy's plan and appoints Forrestal to head up the creation of a new Department of Defense. He sees this gargantuan job through to completion, despite ongoing inter-service rivalries, Army concern over a possible bias by a former Navy Secretary toward the Navy, and both the Army and Navy's concerns over the role the new Air Force will play in the new defense establishment. Nonetheless, Forrestal successfully oversees the creation of the new department, again proving himself to be someone who can be counted on, even under pressure and stress.

On June 24, 1947, The Kenneth Arnold sighting in Washington State becomes the subject of international press coverage and initiates the modern age of UFOs. Then on or about the forth of July, something, or things, crash in the plains of New Mexico less than eighty miles from Roswell, home of the world's only atomic bomb wing. While the government and military insist that Roswell was no more than a highly imaginative interpretation of a weather balloon crash, behind the scenes concerns are compelling and the matter is taken most seriously.



9-18-47 Wallace Criticizes

Figure 1. NY Times 9-18-47, "Wallace Criticizes Truman Order On Rush Swearing in of Forrestal"

On April 26 1947 The National Security Act is passed by Congress and a new national security establishment comes into existence. The President immediately names former Secretary of Navy Forrestal as the new Secretary of Defense. The new Secretary is charged with being "the principle assistant to the President in all matters relating to national security."

September 17, 1947 — Returning from a state visit to Brazil, President Truman sends a message from the Battleship Missouri to Washington instructing that Forrestal be sworn in as Secretary of Defense immediately.

Shocked by the President's decision, former Vice President (and Presidential candidate Wallace says "I insist, if there is a genuine emergency, the people have a right to an explanation. ... If there is no emergency, this action rates as the very lowest method of breeding fear."

Was there an emergency? If so, what was it? An MJ-12-related document dated two days later (September 19) may shed some light. It is a Memorandum For the Military Assessment of the Joint Intelligence Committee from Roscoe H. Hillencotter, Director, Central Intelligence Group. The subject of the memo is "Examination of Unidentified Disc-like Aircraft near Military Installation in the State of New Mexico." If MJ-12 was a real organization, Roscoe was named as MJ-12 number one.

And if you tend to discount MJ-12-related materials, it should be recalled that the 'AMC Opinion Concerning "Flying Discs" is dated September 23.

In this classified SECRET document, Commanding General Nathan Twining notes in no uncertain terms that "The phenomenon reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious." That same day, the new Secretary of Defense arrives at his new offices in the Pentagon. For the record, the MJ-12 related Memorandum from Truman to Forrestal is dated September 24 and it sets in motion the creation of the classified working group, 'MAJESTIC 12.'

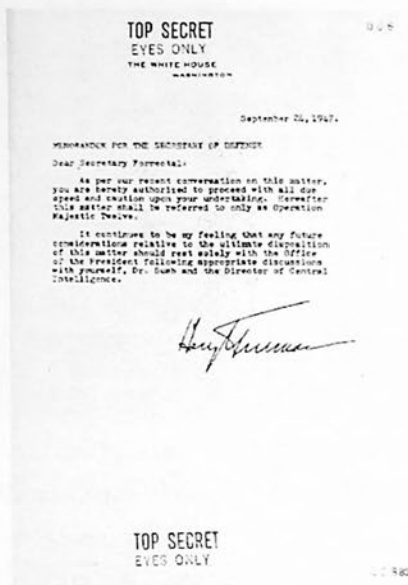


Figure 2. "Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense"

Thanks to Stanton Friedman, we know that the Truman Library has confirmed that Truman did indeed meet with Forrestal and Vannevar Bush that day and that the subject of the meeting is not noted.

On January 7, 1948, multiple flying disc reports near Fort Knox prompt the Kentucky Air National Guard to scramble three P-51 fighter aircraft to investigate. Wing Flight Leader Captain Thomas Mantell, an experienced combat pilot commended for his heroism during the Normandy invasion, is killed when he loses control of his plane while attempting to intercept an unknown.

That June of that year the Soviet Army blockades West Berlin, setting into motion the Berlin Airlift and a major Cold War crisis. But it was not the only crisis faced by the American military this summer. U.S. and Canadian forces recorded a remarkable encounter over Goose Bay, Labrador. Military radar operators on both sides of the border follow unknown returns moving at a mind-boggling 9,000 mph. The following month (on July 20) the government of the Netherlands informs the USAF that a wingless cigar-shaped object featuring two rows of windows was sighted flying over the Hague four separate times. Four days later an Eastern Airlines DC-3 nearly collides with an identically described object near Montgomery Alabama.

In February, the Air Force issues Project "SIGN," its most extensive technical report on unknown aerial objects. It is important to remember that as with other such SECRET and above reports on this subject, the Secretary of Defense would have routinely been briefed on this project beforehand and would have received one of the first copies coming out of the Pentagon's printing office. One of the report's closing remarks would have had particular



resonance for the Secretary of Defense: "...they (the aerial occupants) must have been satisfied long ago that we can't catch them." I submit here that this fact was a primary factor in Forrestal's gradual undoing. With the most advanced, awesome defense establishment in history at his disposal, James Forrestal was still unable to affect the situation he'd inherited even in the most negligible way: nothing he did, authorized or attempted during his entire tenure at Defense changed anything, and that had to weigh heavily on him.

Secretary Forrestal tenders his resignation to Truman on March 3. On the 10<sup>th</sup> the two meet to discuss certain provisions of the National Security Act. At this time the Secretary requests that White House personnel take possession of his multi-thousand page 'diary;' given the amount of classified material they contain, the Secretary does not feel they should be kept in his home. The notebooks are removed from Forrestal's Pentagon office and secured at the White House for safe keeping.

On March 28, the day of his retirement, Forrestal is escorted to the Pentagon courtyard to find that Defense Department employees are assembled to see Louis Johnson sworn in as the new Secretary of Defense. The President then presents the retiring Secretary with the Distinguished Service Medal the highest level civilian decoration authorized by Congress; an honor guard is in attendance.

"You deserve it Jim," says Truman as he pins the metal on the retiring Secretary's lapel. Forrestal tries to express his gratitude, but all he can say is "It's beyond my..." Clark Clifford, a young advisor of Forrestal's and future Attorney General is in attendance and observes, "Unable to respond to the President's generous words of praise, Forrestal is lead speechless from the room (*sic*). It was suddenly apparent to everyone there that something was terribly wrong"

Once outside, Forrestal seems bewildered and dazed and his shocked aide arranges for Vannevar Bush's chauffeur to drive him back to his Georgetown home; once there, he calls his old friend Ferdinand Eberstadt who arrives soon after. Eberstadt is shocked at Forrestal's condition. In his memoirs, the financier recalls Forrestal telling him that he is a total failure and considering suicide. He is also convinced that certain persons in the White House had formed a conspiracy to "get him" and had finally succeeded.

Nationally syndicated columnist Drew Pearson (who has an ongoing personal vendetta against Forrestal) makes the following diary entry on the first of April "Forrestal seems to be off his beam. While Tom Clark (Attorney General) was in Florida last week, Forrestal called him every day worried about something, wouldn't say what."

The next morning, April 2, Forrestal and Eberstadt fly to Hobe Sound Florida where friend and future Secretary of Defense Robert Lovett has an estate. When Forrestal steps from the plane, Lovett is shocked by his appearance but nonetheless tries to joke with him. "Jim, I hope you brought your golf clubs because the weather here has been just perfect for golf." Forrestal replies, "Bob, they're after me." Over the next three days Forrestal will make

several attempts to take his life. At the request of the Navy, Captain George M. Raines flies to Hobe Sound; Raines is Chief of Neuro Psychiatry at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

But despite Forrestal's earlier suicide attempts (and allegedly another one that very evening), the doctor refuses to see the man locked in an upstairs bedroom. Reins insists he cannot see the patient as he has learned that Forrestal's family has asked the famous Dr. Menninger to be the psychiatrist of record and as such he is duty-bound to wait until Menninger arrives the next day. As Menninger is the former assistant to the Navy's Surgeon General, he can be considered something of an insider as well.

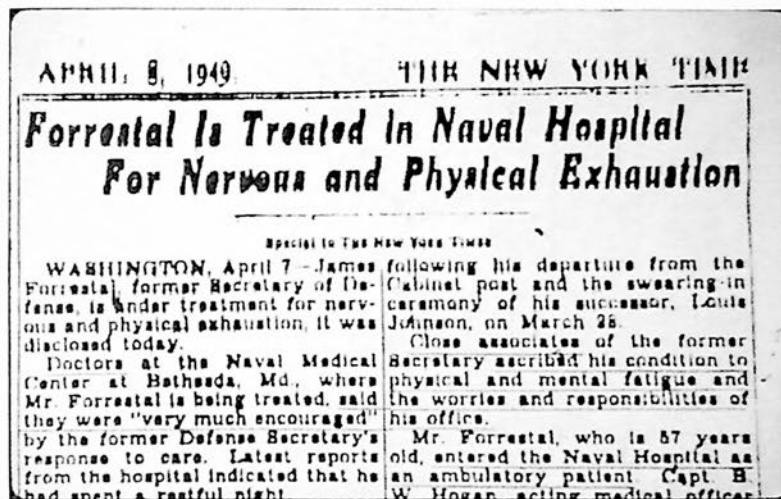
The following afternoon the two doctors conduct an examination of the patient then consult, deciding that the best course of action is confinement at Bethesda Naval Hospital rather than the Menninger Clinic. The decision seems based on 'V.I.P. reasoning' given that the patient is a former Secretary of Navy. Menninger, now Forrestal's psychiatrist of record, flies back to his clinic in the Midwest, and though briefed on Forrestal's progress by hospital officials, never sees his patient again.

Reins accompanies the Secretary on the flight from Florida to Maryland. During the drive from the airfield to the hospital, Forrestal has to be restrained to keep him from throwing himself from the moving car. Once admitted, it is decided to house Forrestal in a room on the 16<sup>th</sup> floor, though some close to the case advise he be held on a lower level where empty, secured rooms are also available. Once the patient is secured, a twenty four hour Marine guard is put on his door. This security precaution is maintained for the first three weeks of the almost six weeks the Secretary is held at Bethesda. For most of this time the patient is kept heavily sedated.

For a week there is no mention of Forrestal's breakdown or hospitalization in the press or on the radio and leaks are held to a minimum, almost unimaginable by today's anything-goes journalistic standards. The Times first runs the story on April 8 and the national print and broadcast media then begin to cover the story.

While at Bethesda Forrestal calls the White House (he has phone privileges by this time) and is insistent that someone be sent over to check for a bug (listening device) in the wall of his room. The White House sends Sidney Souers, the first Secretary of the National Security Council and a future Director of the CIA. Truman considers Admiral Souers to be one of his closest confidants and advisors. On April 23 the President visits Forrestal and four days later he is visited by the new Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson. Johnson says that Forrestal "looks fine" and should be out of the hospital within two or three weeks.

On May 17 the New York Times reports that both visitors and hospital personnel seem in agreement that Forrestal's condition is improving.



#### 4-7-49 Treated in Naval Hospital

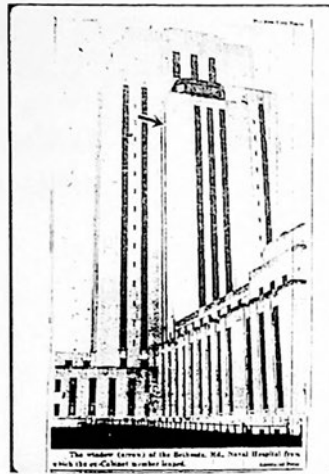
Figure 3. NY Times 4-8-47, "Forrestal is Treated in Navy Hospital for Nervous and Physical Exhaustion"

Bethesda Hospital records note that the Secretary's condition is continuing to improve. Richard Dolan notes in *UFOs and the National Security State*: "Forrestal continued in good spirits throughout all of the twentieth and the twenty first. He shows no signs of depression, was well dressed, shaved, and in good appetite."

At about this time Henry Forrestal decides that his brother should complete his recovery privately in the countryside and makes plans to travel to Washington on May 22. He then calls hospital administrators and informs them that he will take custody of his brother on Sunday May 22.

The official account of Forrestal's death follows this scenario:

While a staff psychiatrist, Commander R.R. Dean is asleep in the room next to Forrestal's, an attendant, Hospital Apprentice R.W. Harrison looks in on the Secretary at about 1:30 AM. He appears to be sleeping, but is awake at the 1:45 room check. The attendant finds Forrestal copying a Sophocles poem out of a book bound in red leather. Harrison asks if the patient would like a sleeping pill but the patient declines. Harrison then reports to Commander Deen's room and reports this exchange. Harrison apparently forgets to lock the Secretary's door behind him because when he checks again at 1:50, the room is empty.



### Naval Hospital

Figure 4. NY Times photo of Bethesda Naval Hospital showing the window Forrestal exited through

Dr. Deen is immediately awakened and a search of the room commences. Several minutes later the seventh floor duty nurse reports hearing a loud sound from her window: it is Forrestal's body hitting the third floor roof. Hospital authorities surmise that the patient, finding his door unlocked, walked across the hall to the efficiency kitchen, pushed open the unsecured screen window, knotted his bathrobe sash tightly around his neck, tied the other end to the radiator below the window, lowered himself out of the window and is killed when the knot at the radiator end of the sash slips its mooring.

On May 23, newspaper headlines around the country, and to a fair degree, around the world) dutifully report the sad news. The Times reports that the "President was inexpressively shocked and grieved and that Forrestal had died as a result of the war as surely as he had been a casualty of battle." In his statement, Navy psychiatrist (Captain) George M. Raines says that the Secretary took his life 'in a sudden fit of despondency "extremely common" to the severe type of mental depression he suffered.' The Navy announces that it will undertake an investigation of the tragedy.

Two days later (May 25) Josephine Forrestal — who has remained in Paris throughout her husband's hospitalization, absolves everyone (!) of blame in her husband's death, this without benefit of even a cursory investigation. That afternoon with six thousand in attendance, James Forrestal is buried at Arlington Cemetery with full military honors, including a nineteen Howitzer salute.



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Figure 5. NY Times 5-23-49, "Forrestal Killed in 13 Story Leap..."

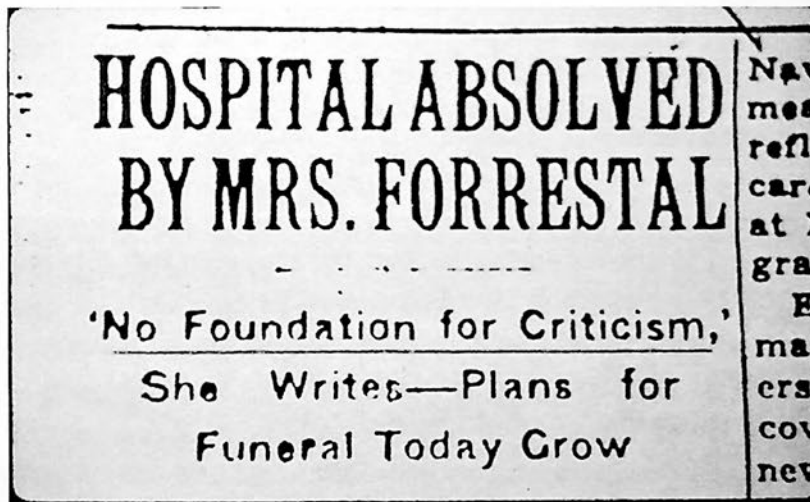


Figure 6. NY Times, 5-26-49

As for the investigation, the Times reports on July 19 that "Considerable mystery surrounds a delay in releasing the report made by the special naval investigating board that inquired into the death of James V. Forrestal. By Read Admiral Morton D. Willcutts, head of the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda. The five-man naval medical board was

convened May 23." The board finishes its hearings on May 30, Admiral Willcutts' investigation having seen fit to conclude its work after only seven days.

Several more months pass before the 'report' is released on October 11. It concludes that the body found on the third floor ledge was Forrestal's, that he died of injuries sustained in the fall, that his behavior prior to death "was indicative of a mental depression, and "that the treatment and precautions in the conduct of the case were in agreement with accepted psychiatric practice and commensurate with the evident status of the patient at all times."

Considering its ultra-bland findings, why the need to delay release of this information for five months? The Times notes that "The Navy's announcement gives no explanation for the delay in making their findings public." Perhaps because the factual information contained in the 'real' report made it un-releasable.

In Summation:

Driving home the 'casualty of war'/occupational fatigue rationale greatly helped Americans to accept Forrestal's death-by suicide, and there was little call to feel otherwise. The day after he died, the Times editorialized "His tragedy is directly traceable to his overwork on behalf of the country. ... when it was announced that he was in the hospital with the diagnosis of "operational fatigue," it was instantly understood that there was every reason why he should be there."

Forrestal's friend, the journalist Arthur Krock, wrote in his memoir that "From the time of his appointment as Secretary of Defense in 1947, my wife had begun to detect inner disturbances in Forrestal that I had not."

And in late 1949 Drew Pearson notes in *his* memoirs that "...the Defense Secretary's nervous deterioration dated back over two years." Both passages - one from a good friend the other from an outspoken enemy, support the allegation that Forrestal's mental problems begin about the time he becomes the Secretary of Defense.

Some of the early reports on Forrestal's 'suicide' are surprisingly revealing, especially Times investigative reporter Walter H. Waggoner who wrote the lead piece for the May 23 edition. In it he states that:

1. "There were indications that Mr. Forrestal might also have tried to hang himself. The sash of his dressing-gown was still knotted and wrapped tightly around his neck when he was found." This is highly unusual for someone who has decided to end their life by jumping out of a window. Subsequent investigation establishes that the free end of Forrestal's bathrobe sash was never tied to the radiator.
2. "Mr. Forrestal had copied most of the Sophocles poem from the book on hospital memo paper, but he had apparently been interrupted in his efforts. His copying stopped after he had written "night" of the word "nightingale..."

3. "...reports from his doctors and hospital authorities had indicated steady progress toward his recovery."

4. "It had been accepted that continued treatment would have brought Mr. Forrestal to complete recovery in a matter of months."

And 5, the very last and most chilling line of the article. "On the window sill from which Mr. Forrestal jumped were marks suggesting he might have changed his mind and tried to climb back in the window."

Why was a "Hospital Apprentice" who had previously had no contact with the V.I.P. patient assigned to this important job on this night? Apparently the regularly assigned attendant did not appear for his shift that night. No reason is confirmed for this lapse, though one account has Forrestal's regular orderly not appearing that night due to drunkenness.

Then there is the matter of Monsignor Sheehy who was personally called by Forrestal and asked to visit him at Bethesda Naval Hospital. The Monsignor is rebuffed all six times he attempts to see the former Navy and Defense Secretary. Common sense suggests that for anyone concerned with Forrestal's potential as a security breach, Father Sheehy would have been one of the *last* people he should be allowed to speak with.

Henry Forrestal had informed the Naval hospital that he intended to take his brother from Bethesda on Sunday May 22 to recuperate privately. Following James' death that morning Henry became convinced that his brother had been murdered, a view he maintained for the rest of his life. And he was not alone in this belief.

So it was that fifty four years ago the architect of our modern defense establishment, dedicated public servant, skilled administrator and a true American patriot, broke under the strain of combined factors, not the least of which was the knowledge that the most powerful nation on Earth was powerless in the face of an unknown threat. And as the man charged with the defense of that nation, he took ultimate responsibility for that failure, and in doing so, came to see his life as a failure as well.

Like a good Roman soldier seeing his fate before him, the Secretary had tried to throw himself on his sword, but was prevented from doing so at each turn. Then as he grew stronger and began to recover his sense of self, it became necessary to complete the job for him. Because to those who held power in this country at the middle of the last century, Mr. Forrestal's mental collapse had to be treated as a national security matter of the first magnitude: this man knew *everything*, and might say anything. As such, forcing him out of that high window was in no way personal. It was necessary.





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# Research Update: Anomalous Energy Transformations in Layered Bi/Mg Metal

Linda Howe

## Background, 1996

In the spring of 1996, I was doing weekly radio reports about science, the environment and earth mysteries for Art Bell's radio programs, Dreamland and COAST TO COAST AM. One day, Art received a letter dated April 10, 1996, postmarked from South Carolina and signed only "A Friend." Included with the letter were several silver metal pieces cut in squares, circles and one long, thin ribbon-like piece.

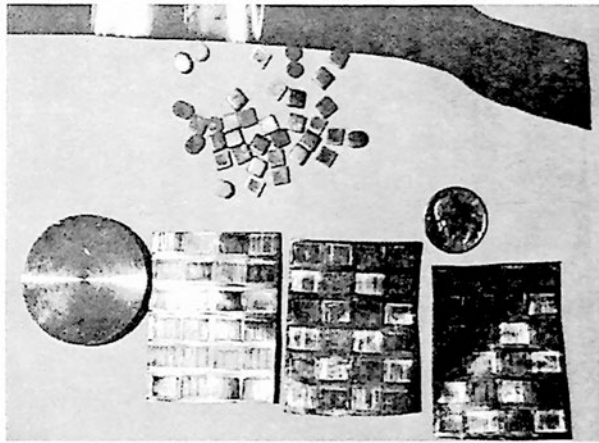


Figure 1. Aluminum pieces sent by anonymous South Carolina source with his first April 10, 1996 letter allegedly "appropriated" by his grandfather as samples from a wedge-shaped vehicle that crashed "between San Mateo Mountains and Sierra Blanca" west of Roswell. Date not given by source. Photograph by Art Bell © 1996.

The letter said:

"I've followed your broadcasts over the last year or so and have been considering whether or not to share with you and your listeners some information related to the Roswell (New Mexico) UFO crash.

"My grandfather was a member of the Retrieval Team sent to the crash site just after the incident was reported. He died in 1974, but not before he had sat down with some of us and talked about the incident. I am currently serving in the (United States) military and hold a Security Clearance and do NOT wish to 'go public' and risk losing my career and commission.

"Nonetheless, I would like to briefly tell you what my own grandfather told me about Roswell. In fact, I enclose for your safekeeping 'samples' that were in

the possession of my grandfather until he died (in 1974), and which I have had since his own estate was settled. As I understand it, they came from the UFO debris and were among a large batch subsequently sent to Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio from New Mexico."

The writer did not give a specific crash date or location in that first letter. Bell and I repeatedly asked during radio broadcasts for those facts because several different testimonies have emerged the past few years about crashed or landed discs in different locations and different time periods. If true, the incident that made newspaper headlines about a "flying saucer" crashing on the Foster Ranch between Corona and Roswell the first week of July 1947 was not unique.

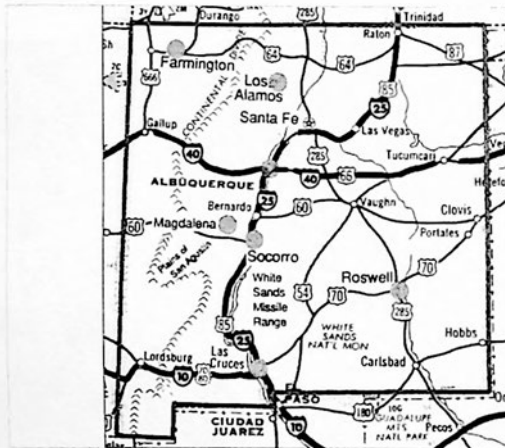


Figure 2. Map of New Mexico

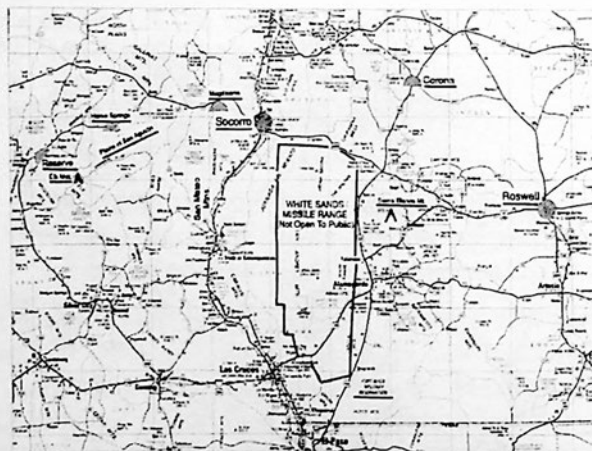


Figure 3. Roswell and White Sands Missile Range to Socorro and Plains of San Agustin, New Mexico.

In his fifth and final letter received July 5, 1996, the writer finally quoted notes "from Grandad's journal" that placed the impact site "between San Mateo Mountains and Sierra Blanca" west of Roswell, but did not give a date. Sierra Blanca peak is about seventy miles straight west of Roswell. San Mateo Peak is another eighty miles west of Sierra Blanca. Between those two mountain regions is the White Sands Missile Range. Magdalena and Socorro are at the northeastern edge of the Plains of San Agustin and north of the San Mateo Mountains.

The source also clarified in another letter that the vehicle was a "Wedge-shaped Disc." A wedge could be shaped like a piece of pie or perhaps a curved crescent, but a disc is round. So, we assumed the grandfather was using "disc" generically for UFO.

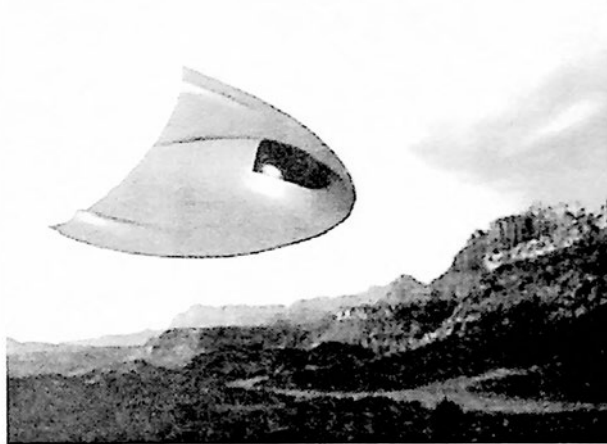


Figure 4. Wedge-Shaped Model

The South Carolina writer said his grandfather was on a security team to retrieve the wedge-shaped "Disc" and three non-human bodies, two dead and one alive:

"...the Team arrived at the crash site just after the AAF/USAF reported the ground zero location. (Army Air Force was splitting into Air Force and Army during the summer of 1947.) They found two dead occupants, hurled free of the Disc. A lone surviving occupant was found within the Disc and it was apparent its left leg was broken. There was a minimal radiation contamination and it was quickly dispersed with a water/solvent wash, and soon the occupant was dispatched for medical assistance and isolation. The bodies were sent to the Wright-Patterson AFB for dispersal. The debris was also loaded onto three trucks which finished the on-load just before the sunset."

The letter writer also listed some of the institutions his grandfather said were involved in research on the craft and its occupant. Included were the University of Colorado; Office of Naval Research; the Army/Air Force which were splitting into separate military divisions the summer of 1947; University of California, Los Angeles; Atomic Energy Commission; National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics; and Office of Scientific Research and Development.

At least the metal pieces sent by the South Carolina writer were hard physical facts that could be tested. I contacted a scientist in a major Midwestern university who has helped me analyze unusual materials. He used a scanning electron microscope to examine structure and energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) to analyze element composition. He confirmed that the metal was greater than ninety-nine percent aluminum of normal density. I investigated the possibility that the aluminum pieces might be "punch outs" from terrestrial machining operations since they measured in common terrestrial quarter-inch and inch sizes. However, Alcoa Aluminum engineers thought that the purity of the aluminum was not typical of industrial machining which usually involves harder alloys. So, there was speculation that if the South Carolina writer's story were true, the military handlers might have had samples from the alleged extraterrestrial craft punched out to distribute to American scientists for study.

After I reported those findings on the radio, we received a second letter dated April 22, 1996. The source said that "based on past conversations on the subject (of a Roswell crash) with Grandad," he understood that the aluminum provided "a conductor for the electromagnetic fields created in the propulsion systems." This letter also elaborated about the "occupant- survivor."

"There were always two Security Team members present at every face-to-face meeting with the survivor. The survivor had the ability to deduce thoughts and questions prior to them being asked. Sometimes it became frustrating.

"The Disc itself was literally dissected and it was discovered that the propulsion system had actually fused together the many interior components. There were *control-type devises forged in the shape of the alien hand*, which were assumed as controls and activation surfaces. (Howe's emphasis.)

"What is today fiber-optic technology was part and parcel of the alien technology within the control panels, albeit fused and melted when the self-destruct mechanism was activated. There were Westinghouse-affiliated persons on the Team, and Grandad always thought some of them had gone back with the knowledge and incorporated it into the future research with the phone systems."

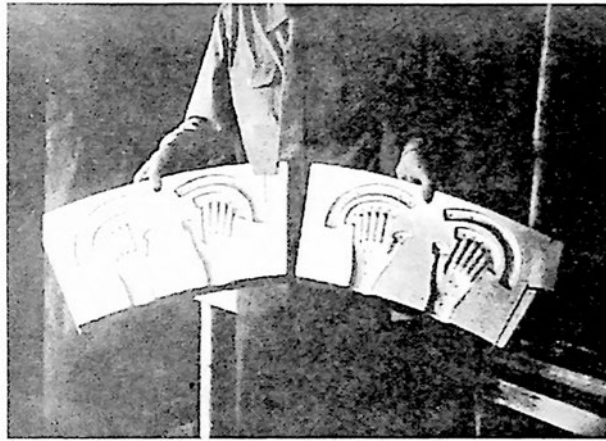


Figure 5. Panels with six-fingered hand depressions allegedly found with six-fingered humanoids at UFO crash site a few miles from Socorro, New Mexico. First broadcast on U.K. and U.S.A. television September 28, 1995. Photograph from 16mm film © 1996 Orbital Media Ltd., U.K.

The 6-fingered hand imprinted panels were allegedly filmed by a former U.S. Air Force cameraman who said those panels were retrieved from a vehicle that crashed on May 31, 1947 somewhere near Magdalena, New Mexico. This is from controversial footage first shown in London, England by film producer Ray Santilli in 1995, and later released in BBC and Fox television programs.

Back-engineering extraterrestrial technology for American military and commercial development was well known to retired U.S. Army Lt. Colonel Philip J. Corso, former Chief of the Army's Foreign Technology Division in the early 1960s. In *The Day After Roswell*, his 1997 ground-breaking and best-selling book, Colonel Corso described his assignment in 1961 to 1963 to get extraterrestrial technology out of Pentagon storage into the hands of defense contractors. His boss was General Arthur Trudeau, then head of Army Research and Development. The Colonel's list of back-engineered extraterrestrial technologies included night vision image intensifiers, fiber optics, supertenacity fibers, lasers, molecularly aligned metallic alloys, integrated circuits, microminiaturization of logic boards, particle beams, electromagnetic propulsion systems — and hand imprinted control panels.

This is what Col. Corso wrote about panels retrieved from a "crescent-shaped" extraterrestrial vehicle that crashed in New Mexico and which sounds similar to the South Carolina writer's description:

"...the series of raised deck panels where there were indentations for the creatures' hands. The indentations on these panels, as the Roswell field reports described them, looked like the handprints pressed into the concrete at the old Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood. Were the directional commands a series of electronic instructions transmitted directly from the creatures' brains along their bodies and through the panels into the ship itself as if the ship were only an extension of the creature's body?"

Colonel Corso said that extraterrestrial bodies first went to Wright Field in Cincinnati, Ohio, but after the USAF became its own separate branch of the service, "the remaining bodies stored at Wright along with the spacecraft were sent to Norton Air Force Base in California. Experiments were carried out at Norton and ultimately at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada at the famous Groom Lake site (Area 51 known as Dreamland) where the Stealth technology was developed." The Colonel said that the USAF and CIA "maintained a kind of alien technology museum" at Norton Air Force Base near San Bernardino, California, "the final resting place of the Roswell spacecraft" — at least one of them. Norton AFB was closed down in the 1990s and one wonders where the "alien technology museum" went? Or if it's still there, is it underground or disguised in some way?

Col. Corso said the motives of the extraterrestrials were puzzling and of great concern to government insiders when he worked in the White House National Security Staff under President Dwight Eisenhower and later in the Pentagon under General Arthur Trudeau. The priority of the U. S. government was to get as much advanced extraterrestrial technology as possible, keep it out of the hands of Cold War enemies, while "pushing through weapons development that might reduce the advantage" of the advanced and potentially threatening non-human intelligence.

The Colonel agreed the government had extraterrestrial artifacts from more than one spacecraft. He said that during the Norton AFB testing it was discovered that "the entire vehicle functioned just like a giant capacitor...the craft itself stored the energy necessary to propagate the magnetic wave that elevated it ... as if gravity was being folded around the outside of the wave that enveloped the craft. ...Somehow the pilots became part of the electrical circuitry of the vehicle, vectoring it in a way similar to the way you order a voluntary muscle to move." The Colonel told me how amazed military and science investigators were about the spacecraft functioning as an extension of the beings' neurological systems, including their molecularly aligned and strengthened flight suits and hand imprinted control panels.

On May 27, 1996, a third letter arrived containing a surprise — six more pieces of metal that were very different from the aluminum. Here is a photograph of two of the layered metal pieces next to a quarter coin for size comparison. Each piece had a black side and a shiny silver side. On the left, the dark side is up. On the right, the silver side is up.

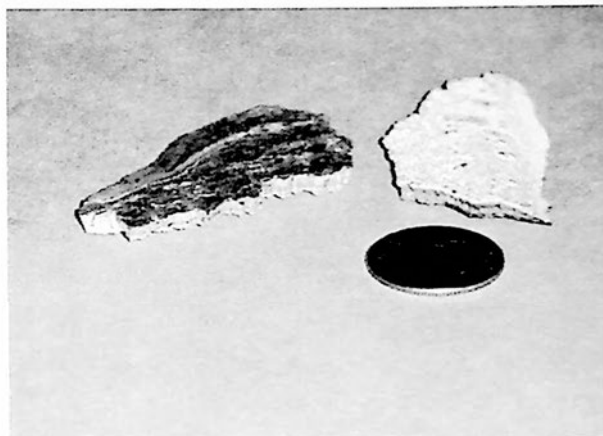


Figure 6. Photograph of two metal pieces from the South Carolina writer's second shipment May 27, 1996. Each piece had a dark side and a shiny silver side. On the left, the dark side is up; on the right, the silver side is up. An inch diameter quarter coin is for size comparison. Photograph by university professor © 1996.

The letter said:

"I have listened with interest to the ongoing reports on the samples I sent your way. I noted that the Researcher (Linda Moulton Howe) discussing the testing of the samples noted that basically it is merely Aluminum. Slight variations on the testing, but indistinguishable from 'normal' Aluminum.

"Actually this is precisely the same initial findings of Grandad's Team. However, I neglected to include metallic samples of the exterior of the crashed Roswell disc. I now include the enclosed, and can only say that these scrapings came from the exterior underside of the Disc itself. It literally was a 'shell-like' shielding of the Disc. Brittle and layered, almost with a pre-fabricated design and placing. Keep in mind that these are the last of Grandad's samples. They have sat for years inside a closet with his personal effects.

"Because of certain concerns, I will not be contacting you on this matter. Perhaps I am a bit paranoid, but I do have a family & career to think about. I hope you understand. Hope these last samples are helpful. Of course, I will be listening."

Art Bell called me and said there were half a dozen pieces about two inches long, an inch wide and about a quarter of an inch thick. One side was dark and the other side was a shiny silver.

I contacted the university professor who agreed to analyze the new material and Bell shipped two fragments to him, keeping the other four in a safe deposit box.

The professor's first step was to photograph the metal pieces as they arrived at his laboratory. He placed the dark side of one piece on the left and the silver side of the other on the right, both next to a quarter coin that is about an inch in diameter for size comparison.

On June 8, 1996, the professor released his first report about the material. He had examined a cut and polished cross-section with the scanning electron microscope and energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS). He stated:

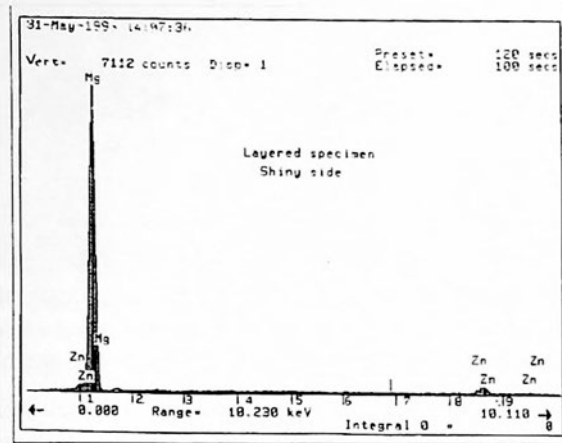


Figure 7. Energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) spectra. The top spectrum is focused on the shiny side of the layered metal which showed primarily Magnesium (Mg) and a small amount of Zinc (Zn).

"Each sample had a 'silvery,' shiny side with a rough (granular) appearance. The other side was blackish-gray. Looking at the samples edge-on, numerous layers can be seen. The samples were hard but brittle, and a few small pieces could be broken off using a small hand vice and manual pressure.

"...Energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) revealed that the shiny side contained more than 95% magnesium (Mg) and a small amount (2-3%) of zinc (Zn).

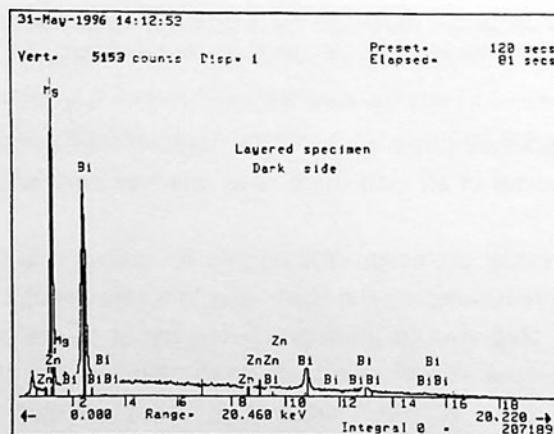


Figure 8. The bottom spectrum is focused on the dark side which revealed only Bismuth (Bi).



The dark side contained a significant amount of bismuth (Bi)."

"...the material appears to represent layers ... consisting mainly of magnesium and a small amount of zinc separated by thin layers containing a high bismuth content."

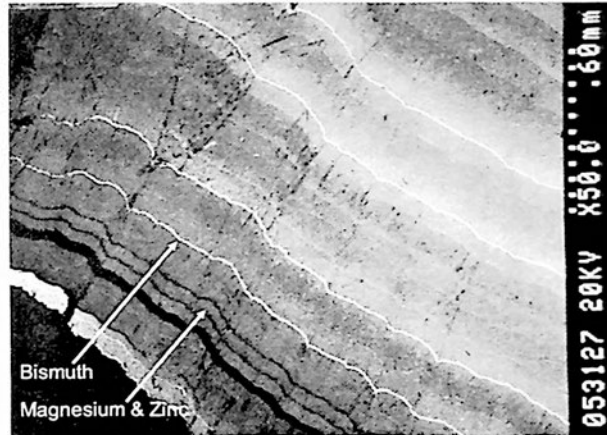
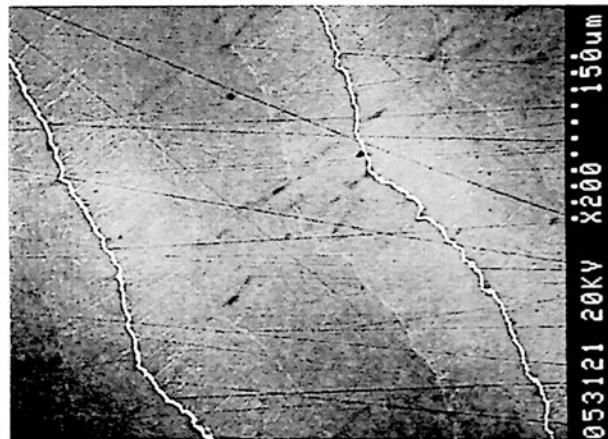


Figure 9. Scanning electron microscope photograph at 50 times magnification of the alternating layers of bismuth and magnesium/zinc. Photograph by professor © 1996.

The SEM was set in a "back-scattering" configuration so that heavier elements show up brighter. Therefore, the dark bismuth appears as thin white lines and the much



lighter magnesium/zinc shows as darker shades of grey.

Figure 10. Scanning electron microscope photograph at 200 times magnification of the alternating layers of bismuth and magnesium/zinc. Photograph by professor © 1996.

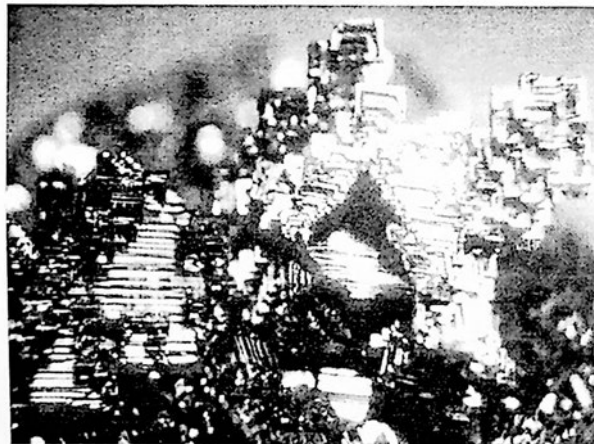
The professor measured the layers and found that the thin, wavy lines of bismuth varied from one to four microns, about half the diameter of a human blood cell, and the

magnesium/zinc varied from one hundred to two hundred microns. One scientist thought the waviness might be a fractal wave pattern calculated in the layered material's construction, perhaps to better resonate with a specific frequency. Or, the waviness might be the result of heat absorbed in the metal's production or function.

Later the professor did more refined analysis with Wavelength Dispersive Spectroscopy (WDS) and said:

"The material corresponds to layers of Bi and Mg/Zn with the weight percent of the Zn varying slightly from about 2.4% to 2.9% between Bi layers. No Zirconium (Zr) could be detected with the Mg/Zn area which is frequently found in magnesium/zinc alloys."

In summary, the metal fragments allegedly from the "central underside of a wedge-shaped" spacecraft found in New Mexico have about twenty-five alternating layers. The bismuth layers average one to four microns and the magnesium/zinc layers average 100 to



200 microns.

Figure 11. A pure, man-made bismuth crystal. Photograph by Linda Moulton Howe © 1996.

Bismuth is a hard, brittle metallic element that is greyish-white with a tinge of red. That pink color in the stomach medicine, Pepto-Bismal, comes from a bismuth ingredient. Bismuth's atomic number on the Periodic Table of Elements is 83. Lead is 82, so bismuth is heavier than lead. Bismuth is frequently found in ores of tin, lead, copper and cobalt. Bismuth is not attacked by hydrochloric acid, and only slightly by hot sulfuric acid. But the element is rapidly dissolved by either dilute or concentrated nitric acid.

Further, the Guide to Uncommon Metals says, "Bismuth is one of the few metals that expands when cooled, like water does when it turns to ice, and that makes bismuth valuable for detailed metal castings. Bismuth also has a low melting point, but its thermal conductivity is lower than that of perhaps every other metal with the exception of mercury,

and its electrical resistance is high. A modern use is as a coolant for nuclear power reactors."

Bismuth is the most diamagnetic of the elements — meaning it resists penetration by magnetic fields more strongly than any other element. Magnetic field lines tend to be displaced around bismuth, rather than passing through it. Bismuth also has the greatest Hall Effect. That means if a voltage is placed on bismuth while the metal is in a magnetic field, a current flow will be induced that is ninety degrees to the voltage. Bismuth is an efficient absorber of infra red energy and researchers are experimenting with bismuth coatings that will convert heat to electricity. Bismuth is also added to metal mixtures in superconducting research.

On July 5, 1996, the fifth and final letter from the South Carolina source added a few more comments about the layered fragments, supposedly copied verbatim "from Grandad's journal:"

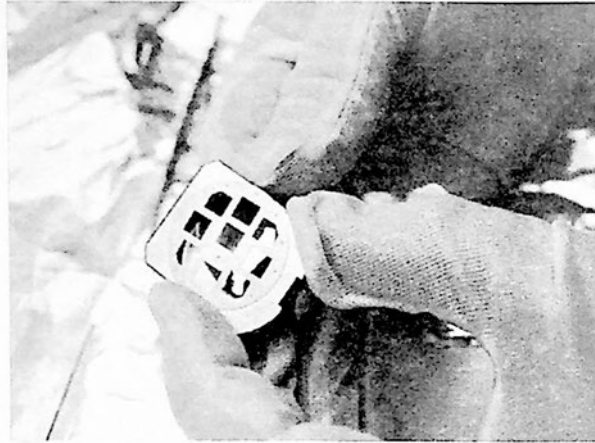
"Sample extraction radiated light for a full (3) hours. Originally located on central underside of Wedge-shaped Disc. Speculate some type of Shielding to enable Craft & Crew to survive accelerated entry into atmosphere, when Craft was experiencing uncontrolled descent. Pile of blackened ash was analyzed and ash was confirmed of same elements of layering. Ash consisted of fibrous (sic) dust & residue. Ash & all debris swept into bagging. Bags placed in tagged boxes. Boxes placed into Metal Footlockers. Initial examination (offsite) conducted at New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology. Secondary examinations at Los Alamos Facility. Footlockers subsequently airlifted by Courier to Wright Field, Ohio."

In addition to the unfamiliar combination of bismuth and magnesium/zinc, there were questions about the isotope ratios in the magnesium. Isotope refers to the number of protons and neutrons in the nucleus of each atom. For example, magnesium on earth is made up of about eighty percent  $^{24}\text{Mg}$ . That means there are twelve protons and twelve neutrons at the center of each  $^{24}\text{Mg}$  atom.

The other twenty percent is equally divided between  $^{25}\text{Mg}$ , which has one additional neutron compared to  $^{24}\text{Mg}$ , and  $^{26}\text{Mg}$ , which has two additional neutrons compared to  $^{24}\text{Mg}$ . If the layered metal were truly extraterrestrial in origin, some wondered if anomalies might be detected in those ratios, or percentages, of isotopes.

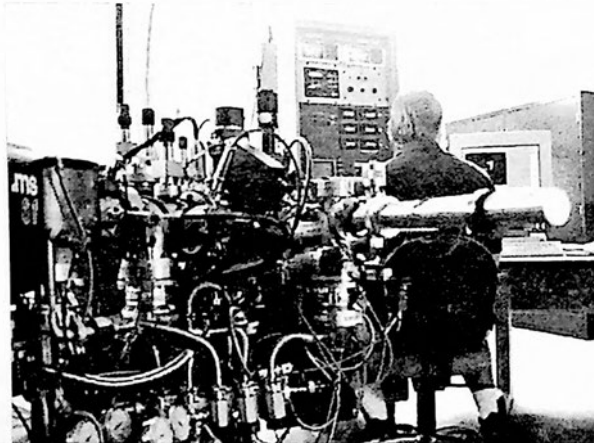
One such anomaly was reported in 1957 when a metal fragment allegedly from a UFO in Ubatuba, Sau Palo, Brazil was analyzed by the Brazilian government in laboratory tests. The fragment was found on September 14, 1957 after eyewitnesses saw a "flying disc" explode into thousands of fiery fragments which fell onto the beach and sea. The metal tested to be nearly 100 percent pure magnesium and was 6.7 percent heavier than ordinary pure magnesium. Former NASA scientist Paul Hill<sup>5</sup> calculated that the density anomaly could be explained if the metal were the pure isotope  $^{26}\text{Mg}$  not found naturally on earth. Supposedly, that Brazil metal no longer exists to test further.

I learned that an ion microprobe which could analyze magnesium isotopes was newly installed at the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D. C. After discussions with Dr. Erik Hauri in the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, he agreed to analyze the layered Bi/Mg



metal. I drove to Washington on July 20, 1996 with a cut and polished slice of the layered material.

Figure 12. Slice of bismuth and magnesium/zinc layered metal being placed by Dr. Erik Hauri, operator of the ion microprobe, into container for magnesium isotope ratio analysis on July 20,



1996 at Carnegie Institution of Washington, D. C. Photographs by Linda Moulton Howe © 1996.

Figure 13. Erik Haurie operating ion microprobe at Carnegie Institution of Washington, D. C., July 20, 1996, during magnesium isotope ratio analysis of bismuth and magnesium/zinc layered metal.

Dr. Hauri found about eleven percent more  $^{26}\text{Mg}$  in our mysterious sample, but still not outside terrestrial ranges for magnesium metal.

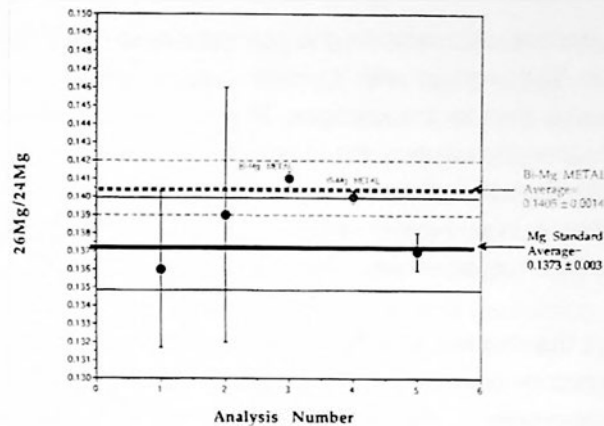


Figure 14. Ion Microprobe graph comparing layered metal in dotted line to pure magnesium metal standard in solid line for  $^{26}\text{Mg}$  isotope. The layered metal had about 11% more  $^{26}\text{Mg}$  than Mg metal standard, but not outside terrestrial magnesium ranges. Ion Microprobe analysis by Dr. Erik Hauri, Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, Carnegie Institution of Washington, D. C., July 20, 1996.

Another anomaly was that the bismuth/magnesium layered material emitted more positive ions than the pure magnesium metal being used for standard comparison. Hauri wrote in his report to me:

"The Bi-Mg sample gave count rates of  $\text{Mg}^+$  ions which were enhanced sixty times more than in the pure Mg metal standard." (Howe's emphasis.)

Dr. Hauri suggested three possible reasons for the difference. First, he explained that the zinc might act as a catalyst for Mg ionization. Second, that catalytic process might be enhanced if there were a distinctive arrangement in the Mg crystal structure which related to how the material was originally constructed. Third, if oxygen were somewhere in the sample it could enhance Mg ionization. However, Hauri acknowledged that none of the ion microprobe spectra showed any oxygen.

Another scientist in solar cell manufacturing tried to make a bismuth and magnesium/zinc layered material that matched the fragments sent by the South Carolina source. The method was vacuum vapor deposition. After slowing down the vacuum process to building a layer per week, one four-layer sample was mostly white, not alternating silver and black.

Further, all the bismuth deteriorated into small grains like black pepper within a few months leaving two delaminated magnesium/zinc layers.

I kept reporting the research findings on Dreamland and asked if anyone listening had any information about the construction or function of the layered Bi/Mg.

I also contacted dozens of people in the scientific and industrial community to see if I could find anyone who had worked with bismuth and magnesium/zinc layered together in the alternating and wavy micron thicknesses. Those inquiries ranged from the Director of Material Sciences at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, Massachusetts and the National Science Foundation to metallurgists at Sandia National Laboratory in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and aerospace and exotic metals manufacturers to military labs and intelligence agencies. But no one had any knowledge of such layered material.

Speculation about the metal's possible function included resisting or detecting magnetic fields. Another suggestion came from a man who claimed to have worked on back-engineering technology retrieved from the Soviet Union and other sources during the Cold War in the 1970s. He said metal made out of bismuth and magnesium layers came into a lab at Edwards AFB, California as an "unknown" and left as an "unknown."

He said later he learned the material might "turn into a lifting body" if placed in a million volt electrostatic field augmented by an unspecified frequency of a "Class C RF signal."

On the radio, I asked for research help. Electrical engineer and physicist Travis Taylor at the Army's Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama volunteered to try the experiment. But first, he asked his superiors and contacts at the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) if it was all right to work with me on the Bi/Mg. Taylor told me the DIA officials approved as long as he kept them informed about what we learned.

First, I asked Travis if he would do a literature search in scientific and military channels to see if he could find any references to bismuth and magnesium in thin micron layers. After several weeks, he told me:

"I have basically exhausted every resource that I have ever tried to use in the past from about 1940 to now. I have found no reference, even in government research, for bismuth/magnesium layers. This material didn't just make itself. It had to come from somewhere. And that's one of the things about it that excites me — somebody had to build it and no one has reported building it. It's a very high tech piece of material, so if they didn't report it, why did they build it? That's what we do in science. We do some research and then we tell everyone about it. And nobody's told anyone about this material!"

Then he tried 500,000 volts produced by a Van de Graaff generator with the Bi/Mg on a plastic insulator. The layered metal at one point moved sideways through the electric field so energetically that it fell off the insulator.

After that, Taylor built a Van de Graaff generator big enough to produce 1.2 million volts. He used a control that matched the magnesium and zinc percentages without bismuth and without the wavy pattern peculiar to the layered metal. Insulation from the electrostatic field was a thin piece of paper suspended above the generator. The layered bismuth/magnesium metal and the control were placed on the paper.

To Taylor's surprise, the Bi/Mg tended again to move sideways in the electrostatic field while the control did not. When a tunable 1 to 20 MHz radio signal was added, the Bi/Mg seemed to have a more energetic reaction to back away from the direction of the RF signal when it was tuned to about 7MHz. Taylor wondered if there might be a connection to the nuclear magnetic resonance frequency of bismuth which is about 7 MHz, the same as the stimulating RF signal. Nuclear magnetic resonance occurs at the subatomic level under certain conditions when a substance is placed in an external static magnetic field.

Research continued with tests of the metal in static and oscillating magnetic fields by a scientist working on "electro-gravitic" research. That scientist had already narrowed his interest to two elements most likely to influence gravity: mercury and bismuth. So far, the Bi/Mg was "dead," not moving, in the magnetic fields tried. The researcher wondered if the large positive ion emission discovered during the Carnegie test might relate to an ion generation function for an unconventional craft propulsion system.

Col. Corso told me he had not heard of layered bismuth and magnesium, but described his understanding of one extraterrestrial spacecraft propulsion: "The craft was able to displace gravity through the propagation of magnetic waves, controlled by shifting the magnetic poles around the craft so as to control, or vector, not a propulsion system but the repulsion force of like charges."

Whatever the layered bismuth and magnesium/zinc' function might be, it remains a mystery. And to date, no one has successfully reproduced the layered metal. But in the past twelve months, biophysicist W. C. Levensgood has investigated anomalous energy transformations of the Bi/Mg layered metal in water.

### **Recent Bi/Mg and Water Studies by Biophysicist W. C. Levensgood Pinelandia Laboratory, Grass Lake, Michigan**

#### **Background, W. C. Levensgood**

Levensgood received a B. S. in Physics and Mathematics from the University of Toledo, Ohio, in 1957; he received an M. A. in Bioscience from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana in 1961. He worked as a research physicist at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor from 1961 to 1968. In 1970, he received an M. S. in biophysics from the University of Michigan. That year, he had also completed his Ph.D. course work in biophysics, but did not submit his final thesis. From 1970 to 1976, he was Director of Biophysical Research Sensors, Inc. in Ann Arbor. Levensgood holds about a dozen patents related to analyzing seeds and increasing seed growth. He owned Agro Sciences, Inc., in Ann Arbor from 1976 to 1983. Since 1987, he has worked independently in his Grass Lake, Michigan laboratory, Pinelandia Biophysics.

### **His Investigation of the Layered Bismuth/Magnesium Metal**

The following are excerpts from his October 30, 2003, research paper entitled, "Anomalous Energy Transformations in a Bi/Mg Layered Metal."

"For the past two years, internal changes in the molecular structure of pure water have been studied at the Pinelandia Laboratory. The methodology is based on the detection of very subtle, self-organized groups of Charge Density Pulses (CDP) which are spontaneously generated within the water structure (also CDP's are formed within all living systems).

In April of 2002, samples of the Bi/Mg metal were examined in the CDP system to determine their influence, if any, on the formation of charge density pulses in water. The results of this test are shown here, where the dashed line shows the effect of the sample and the solid line consists of data obtained from a pure, distilled water control test.

Figure 15. Graph of CDP response in "Roswell Metal" compared with distilled water control, Pinelandia Lab. 4-6-02

The magnitude of the CDP change induced by the Bi/Mg metal is in the range expected from an energetic chemical reaction. Further evidence of a possible chemical reaction became apparent when very active bubble formation was noted within about three minutes after introducing a 90 milligram sample of the Bi/Mg sample into the water. If indeed a chemical reaction is taking place, we have another very anomalous situation. The Handbook of Chemistry and Physics lists Bismuth, Magnesium and Zinc as being insoluble (non-reactive) in water.

### **More Recent Studies of Bi/Mg Reactions in Water**

Repeated trials of placing the Bi/Mg samples in water consistently disclosed the presence of bubble emission within a very short time after submerging in water. It was surprising to find that bubble emission continued for days. Since the bubbles are an indication that a chemical reaction is taking place, it would be expected that reaction products would be present in the base water. If Mg is being oxidized, a milky precipitate of MgO particles should be formed (a very common industrial compound). Instead, the water in which the reaction took place remained as clear and free of particles as in the initial state.

One Bi/Mg fragment weighed at 97 milligrams was in water for 40 days; the purpose was to allow the system to react for a sufficient time to build up reaction products. Although the bubble stream was not vigorous, a fine stream was still being formed at the 40-day termination of the experiment. In a microscopic examination of the surfaces of this sample, it was apparent that chemical oxidation products were present.



Figure 16. 40x Photomicrograph: Bismuth side

This 40x photomicrograph shows the bismuth side up of a piece of the layered metal that was not immersed in water.

Figure 17. 40x Photomicrograph: Bismuth side after 40 days in water

This 40 power photomicrograph shows the bismuth side of the 97 milligram piece of layered metal that was left in pure distilled water for forty days. Note the network of white particles on the surface.

Figure 18. 40x Photomicrograph: Magnesium side, after 40 days in water

Here is a 40 power photomicrograph of the magnesium side of the layered metal left in pure distilled water for forty days. It shows unusual formations, one of which is shown at the center of the image. These circular formations are designated as 'reaction craters' organized by the reaction products.

Figure 19. 40x Photomicrograph: Bismuth side after water exposure

Figure 20. Upper part of the field in 40x Bismuth side after 40 days in water

The craters are not observed on the non-water exposed surfaces, such as this 40 power photomicrograph of a bismuth layer. Occasionally a reaction crater such as this one does form on the water-exposed bismuth surface, but those are generally of smaller diameter and less organized than on the magnesium side.

Figure 21. 40x Photomicrograph: Bismuth side, crater after 40 days in water

On the 'floor' of this bismuth reaction crater are organized chains of reaction particles.

Figure 22. 100x Photomicrograph: Close-up reaction particles inside large magnesium reaction crater

At higher magnification, the reaction particles indicated by the arrow, are organized into a 'pearl-chain[' formation, a pattern which is a clear indication that dielectrophoresis processes are taking place during the chemical reaction in water. This suggests that each spherical particle possesses an electric-dipole field which induces organization into the pearl-chain patterns.

Figure 23. 40x Photomicrograph: Bismuth side that had been in water for 40 days which shows a "vent hole" in the dome of a reaction crater

Here the red arrow points to a 'vent-hole' in the 'dome' of reaction products formed over a crater on the bismuth side of the metal that had been left in pure distilled water for 40 days. The pressure of the escaping gas that makes the bubbles apparently forced a vent

hole in the dome of putative magnesium oxide, which formed a glaze-type structure. These formations in the reaction products can be added to the list of very unusual properties, since the oxidation of MgO generally forms a precipitate of very fine MgO particles.

### Confirmation of Hydrogen Gas Release

The oxidation of MgO in water is expressed by the chemical reaction diagram:



The H<sub>2</sub> hydrogen is given off as a gas. One way to confirm the presence of hydrogen is to apply a simple flame test, familiar to most students taking basic college chemistry. If the application of a flame over the reaction vessel produces a sharp popping sound, then hydrogen is confirmed.

In order to collect enough gas for the flame test, the reaction rate was increased by producing the reaction in weak acetic acid. In the initial test conducted October 22, 2003, an 80 milligram sample of Bi/Mg was placed in a 50 milliliter Erlenmeyer flask containing 20 ml of 4% acetic acid by volume. Immediately, very active bubble formation occurred. The top of the flask was then sealed with a double layer of Saran wrap. After about 20 minutes of active bubble release, the cap was removed and a flame applied over the open end of the flask. The result was a very loud, active explosion inside the flask and at the opening.

### The End Products from the Chemical Transformations

If a sample of the Bi/Mg metal is left in the weak acetic acid until the bubbling stops, usually with a couple of hours, it would be expected that reaction products would be found in the acid solution. But the liquid was still as clear as when first placed in the flask. The only other visible material were very thin, black, spongy flakes from the Bismuth interlayers.

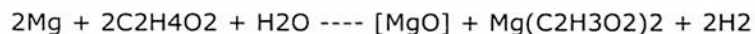
This experimental sequence was repeated a number of times and in every case, the results were the same. The fact that very fine Bismuth particles remained in the solution clearly indicated that this element acted as a catalyst in the reaction process.

By comparing the mass of the Bismuth flakes left in the solution with the total mass of the Bismuth/Magnesium metal piece, it was determined from a number of repeat experiments that between 94% to 96% of the total mass of the original sample was unaccounted for. From the reaction diagram equation, only 4.7% of the reaction products is given off as hydrogen gas.

The next step involved an examination of the remaining precipitate-free, acetic acid solution. A few drops from an 80 milligram Bi/Mg reaction test was placed on a slide glass and drops of the 5% acetic acid were placed on another slide glass to provide a control. After about 24 hours in room temperature air, the slides were microscopically examined.

The control or plain acetic acid slide disclosed only a very small amount of residue consisting of a ridge about 2-microns thick, formed only at the edge of the evaporation area. By contrast, the slide with the solution from the Bi/Mg test, had a clear, very adherent, colorless film about 29 microns thick which consisted of what looked like clear glue or plastic. Could this be composed of reaction products from the Magnesium/Zinc alloy? It appears the answer is yes.

The acetates of both Mg and Zn have quite similar physical and chemical properties; both are colorless, soluble in water, have a monoclinic crystal structure and similar index of refraction (information from the Handbook of Chemistry and Physics.) The reaction diagram for the formation of magnesium acetate is approximated here by the equation:



The [MgO] is bracketed because it appears to be a transitory or transition product. This was indicated by the fact that when the 40-day water samples were placed in the 5% acetic acid, the white oxide on the surface completely reacted and was not detected in the final products.

## Discussion

There is active output of hydrogen gas in these Bi/Mg and water reactions. A rapid and complete reaction takes place without leaving behind reaction products which can interfere with the reaction and poison the system. This implies that the overall production of hydrogen from the acetic acid system depends on the efficiency of the catalytic activity of the bismuth interlayer.

In the March 14, 2003 issue of Science, a special section was devoted to papers dealing with recent work involving nanoparticles of gold as well as speculations on the use of biomolecules for more efficient catalytic agents in fuel cells. This statement was made: "Today, electrolysis uses too much electricity to be an economic source of hydrogen." In the Bismuth/Magnesium metal reaction with acetic acid, we have the spontaneous release of hydrogen without external input of energy.



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# New Attacks on Roswell and MJ-12

Stanton Friedman



## **MAJOR CONCLUSIONS AFTER 37 YEARS**

**Stanton T. Friedman, Nuclear Physicist**

1. Evidence is overwhelming that Earth is being visited by ET spacecraft: **SOME** UFO's are ET vehicles. Most are not. Forget them.
2. The UFO subject is a kind of Cosmic Watergate. **SOME** officials have known since 1947.
3. All the noisy negativist arguments against 1 and 2 collapse upon serious scrutiny.
4. Flying saucers are the biggest story of the millennium; ET visits & Cosmic Watergate.



Quotes from UFO EXPERTS

1. "The reliable cases are uninteresting and the interesting cases are unreliable. Unfortunately, there are no cases that are both reliable and interesting" Dr. Carl Sagan "Other Worlds"
2. "Almost every sighting is either a mistake or a hoax. These reports are so riddled with hoaxes and the flying saucer enthusiasts have so many cranks, freaks and nuts among them, that Hynek is constantly running the risk of innocently damaging his reputation by being confused with them"  
Dr. Isaac Asimov, Fantasy and Science Fiction.
3. "All non-explained sightings are from poor observers"  
Dr. Donald Menzel, Physics Today
4. "The unexplained sightings are simply those for which there is too little information to provide a solid factual basis for an explanation"  
Ben Bova, Editor, ANALOG
5. "On the basis of this study we believe that no objects such as those popularly described as flying saucers have ever flown the United States. I feel certain that even the Unknown 3% could have been explained as conventional phenomena or illusions if more complete observational data had been obtained".  
Donald Quarles, Sec. of USAF re BRSR 14

None of the above quotes are supported by data or references. All are demonstrably FALSE.



RULES FOR UFO DEBUNKERS

1. Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up.
2. What the public doesn't know, I am not going to tell them.
3. If you can't attack the data, attack the people. It's easier.
4. Do research by proclamation because investigation is too much trouble.

Comillaries:

Absence of evidence, is evidence of absence, because looking is too much trouble.  
 All Believers are Liars.  
 All Non-believers only tell the truth.  
 Believers are only involved for the money.  
 Non believers turn over their money to charities.  
 The proper way to do UFO Document research is from one's Armchair. Archival visits are too much trouble.  
 Defame dead people, since one can't be sued for Libel.  
 Of course TOP SECRET CODE WORD (ULTRA, UMBRA, MAJIC, etc) material would be referenced in Confidential, Secret, or TOP SECRET documents  
 Only the Roswell Newspapers had relevant material.





# Harassed Rancher who Located 'Saucer' Sorry He Told About It

He W. Donald, 44, Lincoln county rancher living 35 miles north east of Corvallis, today told his story of finding what he says is the "saucer" described as a flying disk, but the publicity which attended the find caused him to add that if he ever found anything else of that kind he sure won't come to anybody about it.

Donald was brought here late yesterday by W. E. Whitmore, of radio station KOPR, and his picture taken and given an interview by the Record and John Kitchin, who here from the Albuquerque bureau of the Associated Press to cover the story. The picture appeared for was sent out over AP stations were working machines especially set up in the Record office by R. D. Achar, AP wire chief sent here from Albuquerque for the sole purpose of getting the picture and that of several other papers in which Donald's account was the confirmation of the find.

Donald related that on June 14 he and an 8-year-old son, Vernon, were about 10 or 15 miles from the ranch house of Joe J. B. Pineda, ranch which he operates, when they came upon a large area of burnt wreckage made up of iron, steel, copper, brass, rubber, wood, plastic and other materials.

At the time Donald was in a hurry to get to his home, he said he did not say more about what he had seen and on July 4 he, his wife, Vernon and a daughter, Betty, saw it, went back to the spot and recovered for under a lot of the debris.

The next day he had heard about the flying disk, and he wondered if what he had seen might be the remains of one of those.

Monday he came to town to get some wood and while there he went to see Sheriff George Wilson and "talked over" a lot of a confidential clerk that he might have found a flying disk.

Wilson set in search with the Sheriff, Army Air Force and Maj. Jesse A. Higgins and a man in plain clothes, accompanied him home where they picked up the rest of the pieces of the "disk" and went to his home to try to reconstruct it.

According to Donald they simply could not reconstruct it at all. They tried to make a size out of it, but could not do that and could not find any way to put it back together so that it would fit.

Then Major Higgins brought in his findings and that was the last he heard of it until the story broke that he had found a flying disk.

Donald said that he did not see it fall from the sky and did not see it before it was torn up, as he did not know the size of the flying disk, but he thought it might have been about as large as a baseball. The pieces which he saw were about the size of a baseball, he said, remaining in place by the use of the room in which he saw it. The rubber was sticky and he saw scattered pieces of wire about 200 yards in diameter.

When the debris was analyzed by the police, paper, tape and twine made a bundle about three feet long and 10 or 8 inches thick. While the rubber made a bundle about 18 or 20 inches long and about 8 inches thick, in all, he estimated, the entire lot would have weighed more than 100 pounds.

There was no sign of any metal in the area, which might have been used for an engine and no sign of any sections of any kind, although at least one paper tin had been found near some of the debris.

There were no words to be found anywhere on the fragments, although there were letters on some of the paper. Considerable search had been made with flowers pressed upon it had been used in the reconstruction.

Don Higgins or wife were to be found but there were some expressions at the paper to indicate that some sort of attachment may have been used.

Donald said that he had previously found two rubber observations balloons on the ranch, but that what he found this time did not in any way resemble either of those.

"I am sure what I found was not a flying saucer," he said. "That if I find anything like that again I will have some to take a hard time getting the details out of my mind about it."

## Alamogordo News

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**Woodward Host To Golf Tourney**

**News Men Watch Army Radar Crew Launch "Disc"**

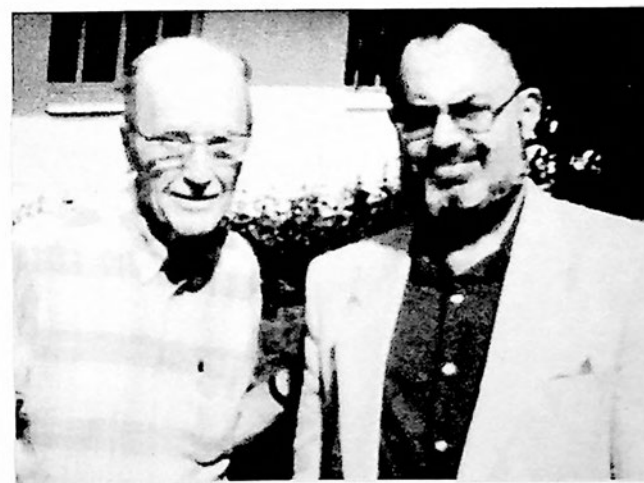
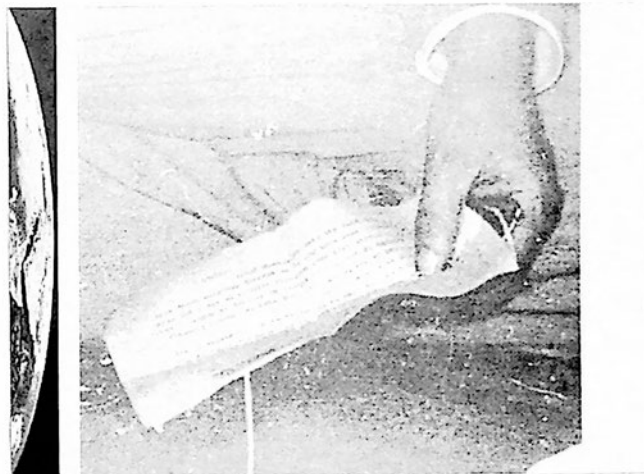
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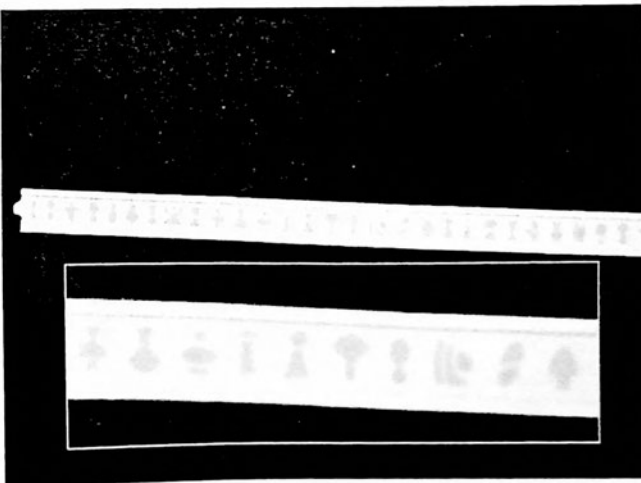
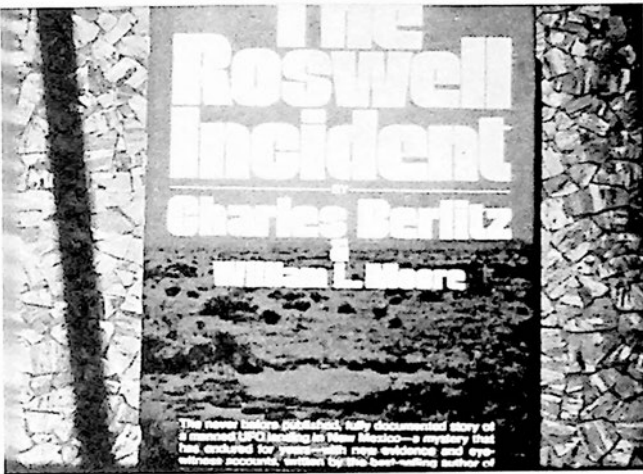
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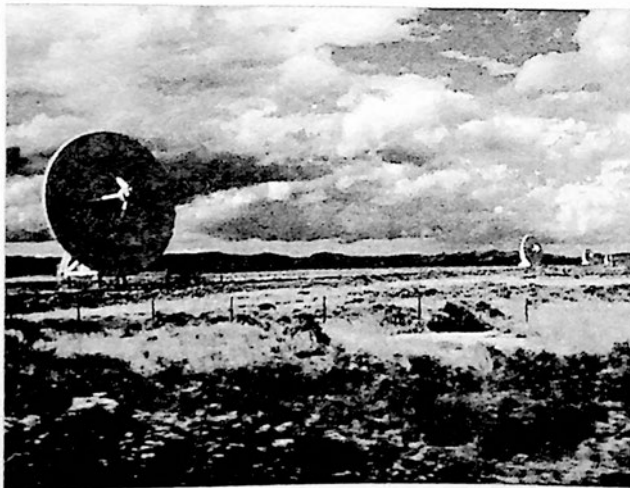




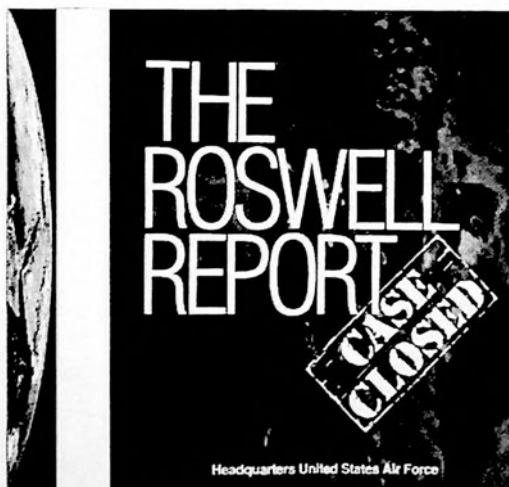
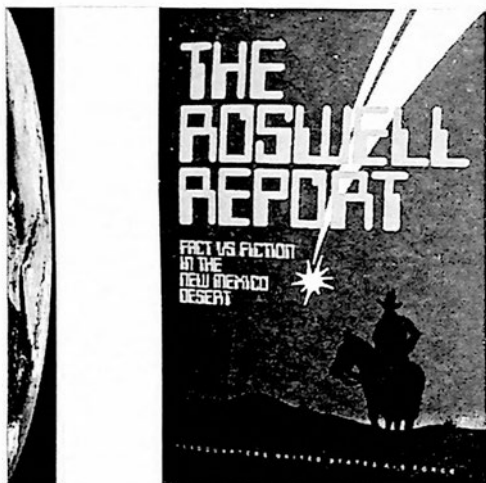
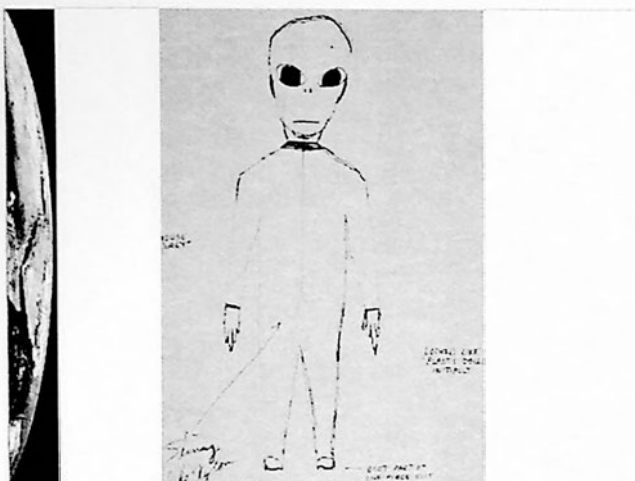




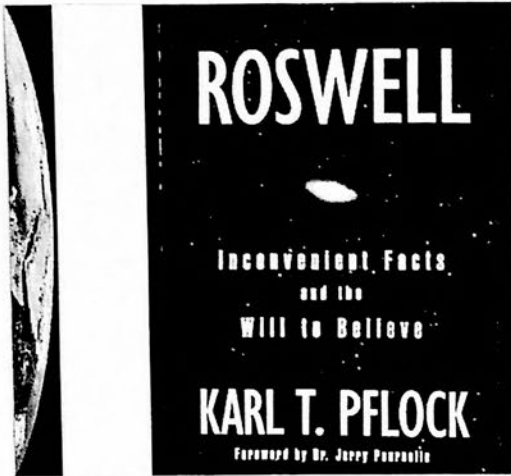




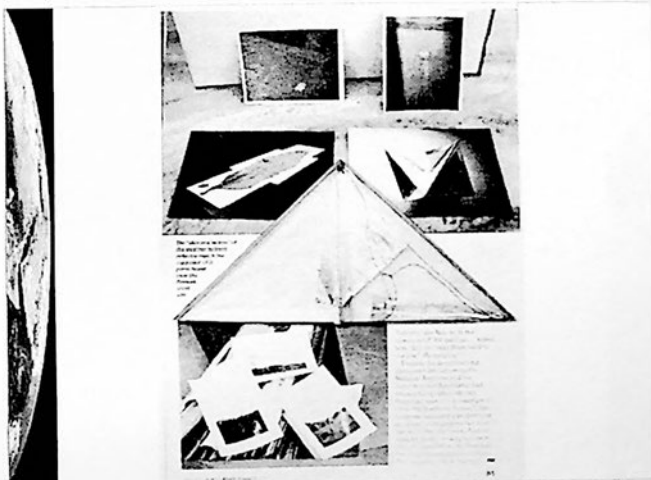
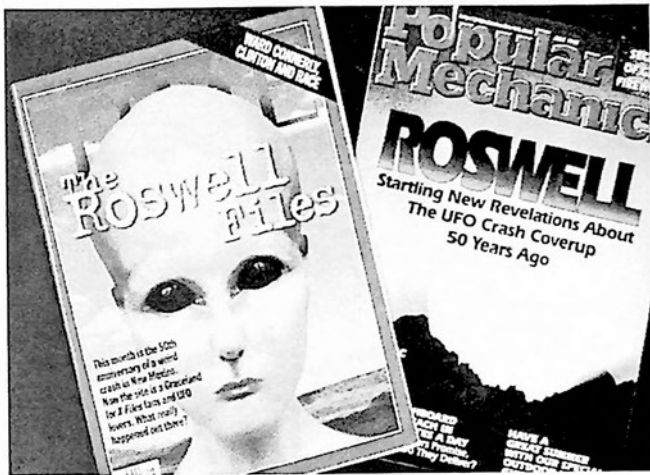


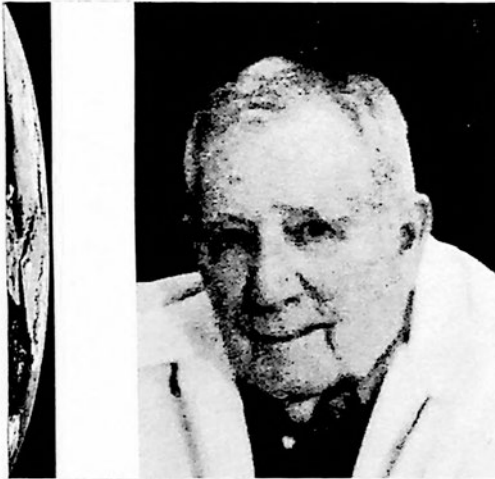


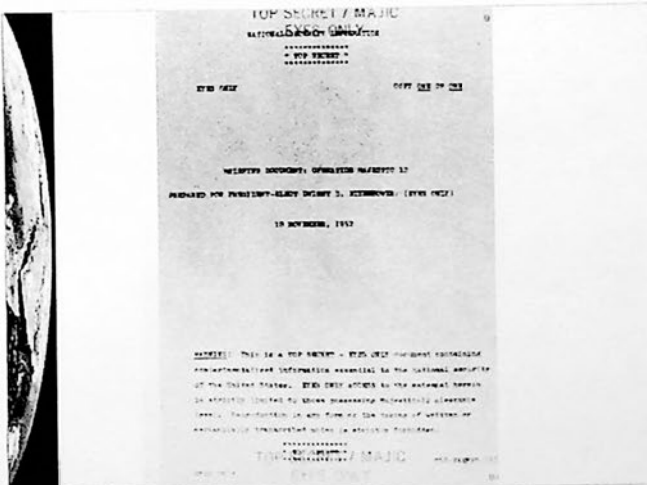
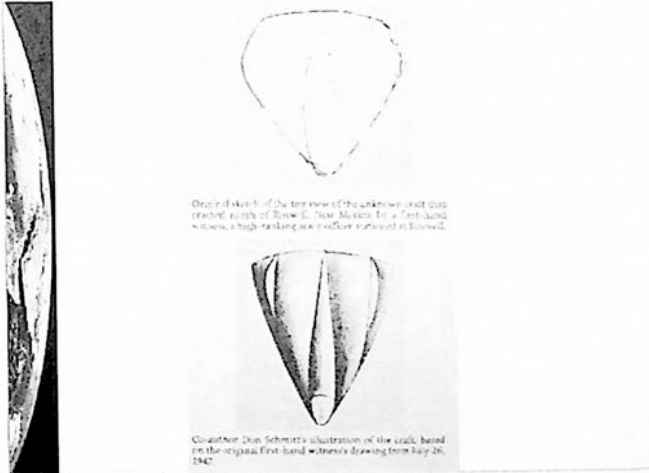
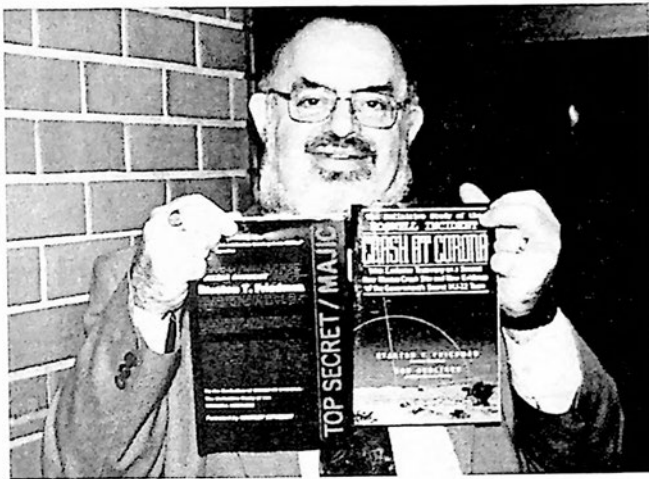














Silly Quotes

"In 1978, an article appeared in a tabloid newspaper, the National Inquirer (sic), which reported the former intelligence officer, Marcel, claimed that he had recovered UFO debris near Roswell in 1947. Also in 1978, a UFO researcher, Stanton Friedman, met with Marcel and began investigating the claim that the material Marcel handled was from a crashed UFO."  
 - SAJ Colonel Richard Weaver "The Roswell Report"

"The area of this debris was very small about 20 feet square and the material was spread on the ground, but there was no gouge or crater or other obvious sign of impact. I remember recognizing this material as being consistent with a weather balloon. We gathered up some of this material which would easily fit into one vehicle". Colonel Sheridan Cavitt, in RR

"The Roswell newspaper accounts are the only shards of physical evidence that exist to document these happenings."  
 Dr. Robert Alan Goldberg, "Enemies Within"

"Jesse Marcel had--for purely psychological rewards--related his tale to his friends, some of whom were UFO buffs, before he came to the attention of literary traditors. As his notoriety grew, he gave his story to the National Enquirer, a tabloid that admittedly pays its informants."

Dr. Charles Ziegler "UFO Crash at Roswell"  
 "Friedman states: "I am convinced that the evidence is overwhelming that Planet Earth is being visited by intelligent controlled vehicles whose origin is off the Earth. In other words some UFOs are extraterrestrial spacecraft". This last sentence is the very definition of "true believer".  
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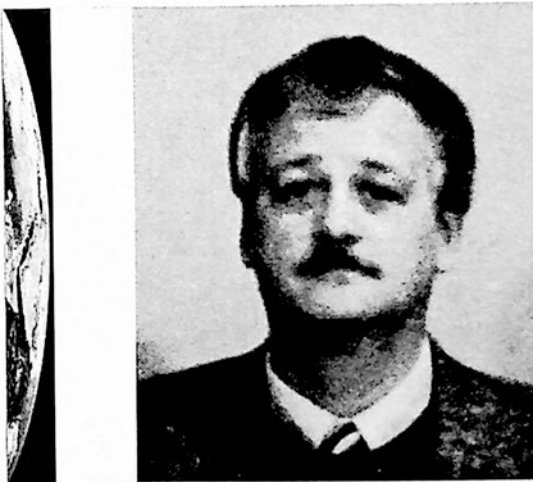
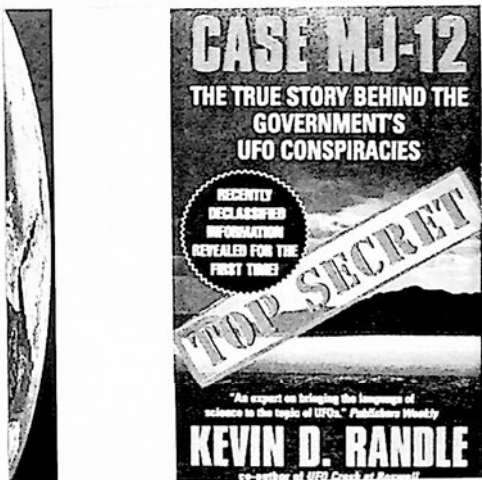
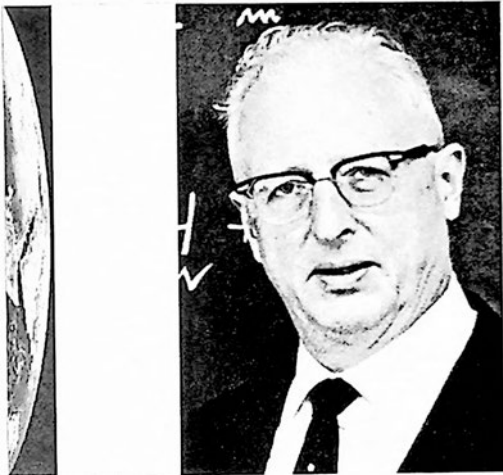
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July 18, 1947

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WALTER W. WOODRUFF  
Special Assistant  
to the President

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September 24, 1947.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Dear Secretary Forrestal:

As per our recent conversation on this matter, you are hereby authorized to proceed with all due speed and caution upon your undertaking. Hereafter this matter shall be referred to only as Operation Majestic Twelve.

It continues to be my feeling that any future considerations relative to the ultimate disposition of this matter should rest solely with the Office of the President following appropriate discussions with yourself, Dr. Bush and the Director of Central Intelligence.

July 18, 1947

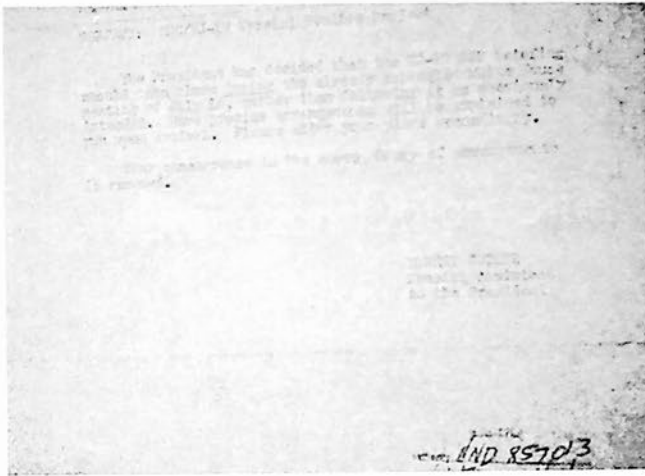
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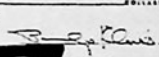


re MJ-12 papers "Evidence of malfeasance was plentiful. Critics noted that the date format did not conform to governmental style, the papers carried no top secret registration number, military titles were improperly noted and signatures appeared to be grafted on to the document. Anachronistic usages like *media* and *impacted* further betrayed the find". Dr. Robert Alan Goldberg, "Enemies Within"

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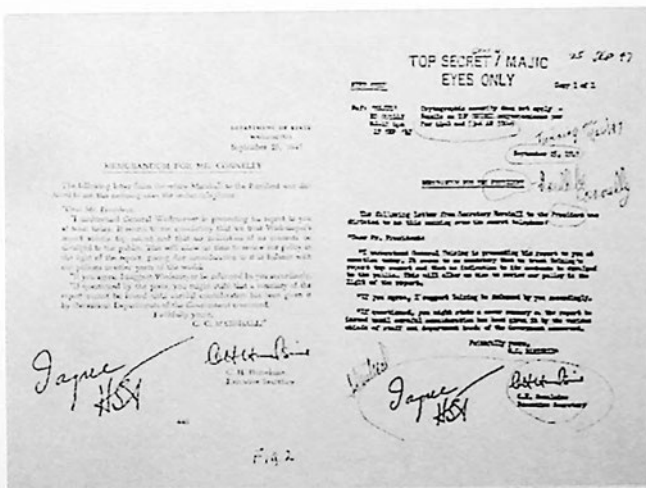
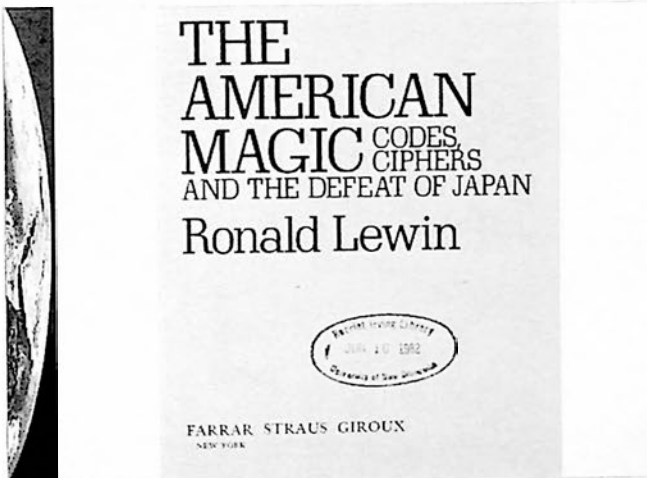
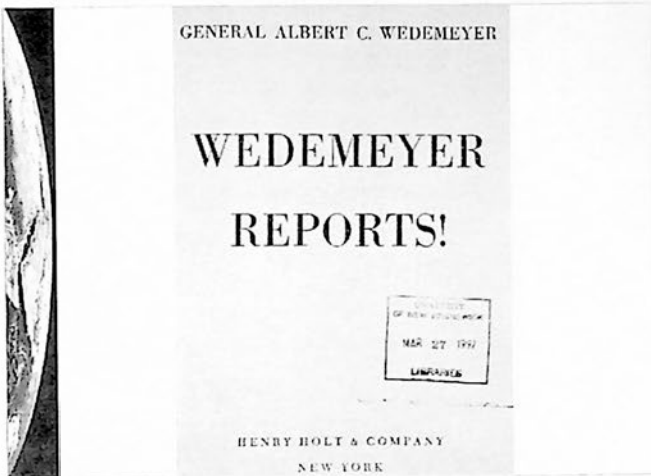
In response to my FOIA request justifying Col. Weaver's official statement that the MJ-12 documents are BOGUS: "We have no records responsive to your request". Col. Richard Weaver USAF, Ltr. 4/11/94

Sincerely,  


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REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT, 1947, PARTS IV

15 September 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

My dear Mr. President:

In compliance with your directive to me of 6 July 1947, the attached "REPORT ON CHINA MOVEMENT" is respectfully submitted.

In connection with your memorandum of 10 August 1947, the attached "REPORT ON CHINA MOVEMENT" is respectfully submitted.

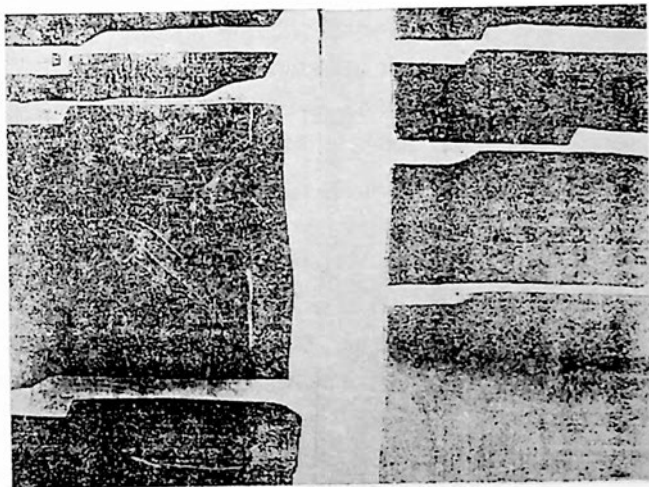
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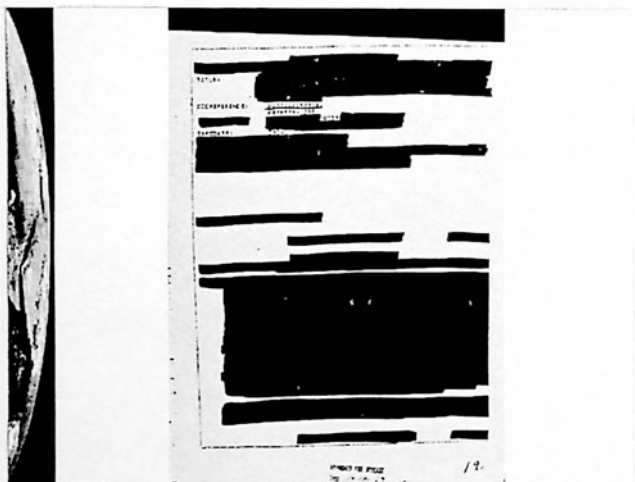
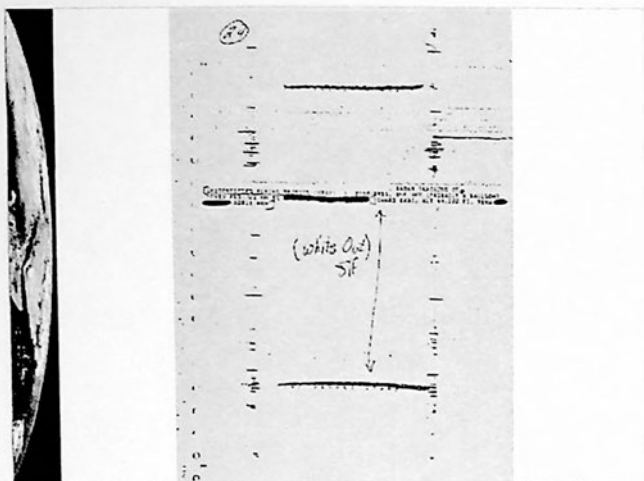
The report includes pertinent data to agencies which may be of interest and pertinent to appropriate government departments and agencies. The report presents a general background and summary of the situation, trends and prospects in both China and Korea, and recommends what I deem to be sound courses of action for achievement of United States objectives in the Far East.

Respectfully yours,  
*A. C. Wedemeyer*  
 A. C. WEDEMEYER,  
 Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army,  
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## **Project Beta: How U.S. Intelligence Created an Alien Invasion**

**Greg Bishop**

In 1979, electrical physicist Paul Bennewitz was the president of his own company, Thunder Scientific Labs, located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He had two sons, a devoted wife, and was an accomplished aerobatic pilot and guitar player. By all accounts, he led a nearly perfect life. For many years, Bennewitz had also harbored a keen interest in the UFO subject. Many UFO researchers are interested in getting to the bottom of a confounding mystery and occasionally fighting off other researchers and skeptics. Bennewitz thought that he had uncovered a scenario so shocking and dastardly that by 1988 he would be committed to a mental institution. The sad thing was, it was not entirely his fault. In spite of his misplaced paranoia, someone was out to get him.

He would say that he had discovered a plan for alien domination of Earth, and issue a report called "Project Beta." No one but agents of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and the National Security Agency who had the "need to know" would come to realize that he had stumbled onto something that was much, much bigger than the problems and suspicions of one man.

As the age of Cold War paranoia gave way to the Age of Aquarius, the people whose job it was to stay paranoid began to look on the UFO subject as something that could be useful, not the constant public-relations headache it had become. Instead of trying to explain things away, official (and secret) policy at the CIA in the early 1950s dictated that flying saucers could be used as a cover for very terrestrial projects, such as the U2 spy plane. The U.S. Air Force cooperated and helped to drive attention away from actual sightings of experimental or classified aircraft. The CIA and USAF spent many years ridiculing and downplaying the phenomenon, so that the popular view was that UFOs were the products of delusions, hoaxes, and misidentifications. Anything unfamiliar in the sky (and maybe even on the ground) could now be used to cover a multitude of shenanigans. The Air Force eventually realized that this scenario could be taken further, and in the early 1980s, the conditions were right to carry it out.

The Cold War was still simmering when Paul Bennewitz began to notice animated lights darting around the wilds of Kirtland Air Force Base, just behind his home. He began to take pictures and 8mm film of them and record strange signals he had detected coming from the Base. In time, he would become both annoyance and salvation to the Air Force Office of Special Investigation (AFOSI), the National Security Agency, and the Defense Intelligence Agency. A whole pack of wild stories would become legendary in the history of UFO lore, and spawn a generation of rumors that were believed as gospel, first by UFO researchers, then the choir to whom they preached, and finally to consumers of TV, film, and late-night radio as the stories became part of the popular culture: Aliens have underground bases in

the desert. Aliens are in cahoots with our government to exchange technology for abduction rights. Aliens are farming human body parts for supper. Aliens created humans and sent Jesus around later to keep us in line.

And it all started with just a few little lies to cover up a few secret projects.

It was on a freezing, windswept night in the winter of 1979 that Bennewitz stepped out on his exposed second-story deck in the exclusive Four Hills neighborhood of Albuquerque for what was quickly becoming a nightly ritual. For the past few months, he and his wife Cindy had been seeing multicolored lights floating and swooping about the small mountain range inside the base about a mile from his home. At times, the lights streaked away as quickly as a magician's sleight of hand, only to reappear seconds later, apparently miles from where they had just been. To Bennewitz, this was irrefutable proof that something unearthly was playing cat-and-mouse with the human race, daring us to react. In time, he would present this mass of data to the authorities, whom he thought would waste no time in confronting the threat.

They would have no choice. The lights were flying around the Manzano Weapons Storage complex; then the largest underground repository of nuclear weapons components in the Western world. It is a small mountain range honeycombed with tunnels and shafts which were crammed to the rafters with nuclear weapons and replacement parts for all sorts of atomic devices. It was the most secretive and highly-guarded area on the sprawling grounds of Kirtland.

Over the years, various employees of private Air Force contractors Sandia and Phillips Labs (which are on the grounds of the base) as well as Air Force personnel, have let slip that something else is or was stored in this impenetrable fortress. One former scientist who worked at the facility recently said that "Some of the guys working on the base would talk about a few other things that were in there." When pressed as to what this might be, his curt answer was "Flying saucers." No one has been able to determine if this is true, or just another pack of disinformation designed to keep UFO researchers running in circles and the general public huddling behind a curtain of laughter.

As he listened in to the signals and continued to watch the enigmatic lights, Bennewitz quickly became convinced that extraterrestrials were interested in our military establishments and possibly disarming or crippling our weapons of mass destruction. Flying saucer and cults and personalities had been saying that the "Space Brothers" were here to stop us from annihilating ourselves since the early days of Cold War paranoia, but this was the first time the aliens had actually become proactive.

But there was another reason Paul was to become concerned. He would soon be involved in one of the earliest UFO abduction cases of the postmodern era.

The New Mexico State Police office in Cimarron had received a strange call on May 6<sup>th</sup> of 1980. The desk sergeant heard a frightened and confused woman describing a weird experience the night before. All he could understand was something about incredibly bright

lights and herds of cattle and the caller's fear that she might have seen some strange "people." For the last four years, Gabriel Valdez, an officer in the far northwestern corner of the state had been investigating anomalous lights and the mysterious and grisly murders of cattle that had caused a growing unease to grip some of the remote ranching communities. The Cimarron officer knew Valdez was the "cattle mutilation guy," and it was because of this reputation that Valdez had already met Paul Bennewitz a few months before.

Officer Valdez and the ranchers had never found any canine or indeed human tracks around the mutilated carcasses. Many of the cattle found on Gomez' and others' ranches exhibited ligature marks on one hind leg, indicating that they had been lifted with a rope or cable and dropped where they were found. Predators refused to go near the carcasses, which were sometimes poisoned so badly that dead insects littered the bodies. The area patrolled by Valdez had far more than its share of UFO sightings as well, lending another bizarre twist to this already weird scenario.

Valdez called Bennewitz and asked if he would be interested in looking into the Cimarron abduction case. He was not only willing but eager to talk to the witness. Bennewitz had joined the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization in Tucson, Arizona, and occasionally did some scientific consulting work for the group. APRO director James Lorenzen put Bennewitz in touch with Dr. Leo Sprinkle, a psychologist who had been investigating UFO contact cases for over 10 years.

Twenty-seven year-old Myrna Hansen had told Bennewitz that she had been driving in northeastern New Mexico on May 5th when she and her 8 year-old son saw two huge, silent objects hovering over a mountain meadow. Hansen described one of them in a conscious recollection as "as big as two Goodyear blimps," the other was triangular and somewhat smaller.

Sprinkle was flown to Albuquerque from his Wyoming home on May 11th on Bennewitz' nickel. Hansen and her son Shawn had been staying at the Bennewitz home for three days while they tried to sort out what had happened. Sprinkle put her under hypnosis to access any details she couldn't recall consciously. Hansen allowed herself to relax into a hypnotic trance, and began almost without prompting.

She had expected to arrive home at about 9:00 PM. It was almost 1:00 AM when they pulled into the driveway, tired, confused, and wondering about what they had seen in the sky on the way there. She recalled being undressed, a physical examination, and just before she entered one of the craft, that she had also seen a struggling cow sucked up into its underside in some sort of "tractor beam." She had been taken to an underground facility, she had seen body parts floating in vats, received what she thought was an explanation from her captors as to what they were doing with her and what their presence on Earth meant, and finally, felt that some sort of device had been implanted in her body so that the aliens could monitor and control her thoughts. In short, these and more details of the hypnosis contained many of the stories which would later make the Ufological rounds. Many

of the details were to be repeated by other abductees, most of whom had never heard of Sprinkle, Bennewitz, or the abduction phenomenon. Some sort of objective reality was definitely at work, or a control force that very much wanted the witnesses and researchers to believe in these sorts of activities.

"Paul was really interested in what was coming out in the hypnosis sessions, because he thought that this would prove his theories" Sprinkle recalls. "He was intrigued because of the cattle mutilation aspect, the number of UFOs and the on-board experience, but what really excited him was that the ship went underground. He associated that with an underground cavern he had been thinking about. He thought the case was going to break the UFO mystery wide open." The regressions had gone so well that Bennewitz asked Sprinkle to come back soon to try and fill in the missing parts in Hansen's narrative. When he arrived on June 3rd, Sprinkle rang the doorbell and, after a long pause, Paul Bennewitz appeared at the door toting a pistol on his hip, and a rifle in his right hand. Because of the tension in the trio, a strained hypnosis session followed. Sprinkle was aghast at the startling transformation in Paul Bennewitz. He says, "Between May and June, his demeanor, his reaction to me, and his attitude and take on the whole situation was much different. The stuff that came out during the second session was scary enough that not only Bennewitz thought that the aliens were a continuing threat, but Hansen felt that way too."

It took almost another decade for the UFO community to accept that abductees might be "implanted" with some strange kind of device. By the time the phenomenon was popularized by Budd Hopkins and others like Whitley Streiber, the "implant" theory was a common feature. Were these later and wildly popular accounts influenced by Bennewitz' original studies? While later researchers seemed comfortable with the "tagged animal" model, Bennewitz soon developed an elaborate alien conspiracy theory, and dropped his fear of publicity. He began writing to his Senators, media outlets, even President Reagan to warn them of the danger. He believed he was doing his patriotic duty.

More dead and mutilated animals were being found almost weekly on Gabe Valdez' patrol. Dulce is surrounded by thousands of square miles of high-altitude mountainous scrub and forest. Paul Bennewitz would soon begin a process which would help transform this unpossessing speck on the map into a nexus for UFO spotters for the next 15 or 20 years. By short degrees, he began to suspect that the Dulce area was the site of an underground alien base, and the extraterrestrials were slowly taking over the power structure of the US military, the American government, and ultimately, the world. He became convinced that the underground facility that Myrna Hansen had described was located here, and that the alien beings were using it as a central location from which to conduct reconnaissance, abduct and implant human victims, and perform cattle mutilations.

Bennewitz' acquaintances at Kirtland said that they had no idea what he was talking about when he tried to broach the subject of the shooting, hovering things he was seeing near his home, and the strange low-frequency signals he had been monitoring and



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recording on huge reels of tape. Paul decided it was time to go over their heads. He began by calling the ranking base security officer, Colonel Ernest Edwards, who passed him off to AFOSI Special Agent Richard Doty.

Carefully describing what he had seen and recorded, and trying to keep what he really thought was going on under wraps for the time, Bennewitz asked Doty if he could come to the base and discuss his research. Even though the claims were a bit extreme, Doty and AFOSI were always alert to anything that could potentially hurt or even help their security work. Perhaps Bennewitz had stumbled onto something important, and if not, the security issue could be stopped before it became a problem. Bennewitz was a trained scientific professional who had proved more than competent in his electronics work, so his opinion carried some weight.

The National Security Agency (who maintained a considerable presence at the Base) as well as a mysterious and special investigative detachment of the AFOSI called the "PJ" branch asked Doty to make a trip out to Paul's home before the meeting to see his operation firsthand. Doty was also asked to take a partner along, someone who was in a position to evaluate anything that could be of interest.

On October 26th, 1980, Doty and Air Force scientist Jerry Miller arrived at the Bennewitz home. Bennewitz laid 8x10s out on the table, gave them a tour of his homemade radio receivers, the array of antennas pointed at the base, and his analyzing equipment. He played recordings of the signals he had received. He showed them film and video of the lights. He took them out on the deck and showed them his view of the Manzano range and the base. He also showed them pictures of unidentified lights in the vicinity of the Dulce area, and made his case for his suspicion of an underground facility there.

Miller noticed that Doty was occasionally hanging back and letting him talk privately with Bennewitz. Doty had brought along a small, easily concealed camera and was busily and surreptitiously snapping pictures of the photos, the equipment, and even the interior of the Bennewitz home. He was doing this at the express request of the National Security Agency. The pictures would spark even more interest from intelligence and security organizations that were already (or soon would be) monitoring his movements and phone calls to try and determine who Bennewitz was working for, if anyone.

It has never been revealed what Miller and Doty thought of the hours of coded radio transmissions that Paul had recorded. It was these recordings which kept various intelligence organizations very interested in the Bennewitz research project. The players assigned to watch Bennewitz did not care what his theories about alien invasions or underground bases happened to be, but they would eventually use these beliefs to their advantage.

Fifteen days later, early on the morning of November 10, 1980, Bennewitz arrived for a meeting at Kirtland AFB with his photos, films and recordings in hand. As he stepped into the meeting room, he was introduced to base commander Brigadier General William

Brooksher, four colonels, two AFOSI men (including base AFOSI head Major Thomas Cseh), and a couple of scientists from the Air Force (Phillips) Weapons Lab. Doty was later told that several of the officers were "very interested" in the pictures and recordings, and a few of them decided to continue a "scientific investigation" of Bennewitz and analyze the signals for any evidence that he was eavesdropping on something that he shouldn't have been. Significantly, the interested scientists tended to be associated with NSA operations on the Base. Dr. Lehman probably wanted to decide if there was any indication that Paul was tapping into any of Sandia or Phillips Lab's research.

In July of 1980, a letter with no return address had arrived at APRO headquarters. It described the experience of Craig Weitzel, who was then a member of the Civil Air Patrol. The incident had taken place about 20 miles east of state Capitol in the Santa Fe National Forest near the town of Pecos. The two page letter stated that the writer had to remain anonymous for his own protection, and told of a spectacular UFO sighting which had occurred on July 16th of that year. Whoever had written the letter had the ability to know details of the incident and had twisted the circumstances to titillate someone at APRO. The idea was to put out feelers to see who could be used by the AFOSI as an "insider asset." He didn't know it yet, but that asset was going to be UFO researcher Bill Moore. He would eventually get the assignment to follow and report on Bennewitz' activities and thinking. Moore would later perform many other services for the AFOSI, which were completely unrelated to the UFO subject, in exchange for secret UFO-related information and documents.

The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) convention gathered in Las Vegas for their annual convention during the first weekend of July, 1989. Vicious disagreements and rumors that were making the rounds had caused part of the membership to schism off and run their own mini-convention one morning while the main events went on as scheduled before and after them. The splitters had even called their own press conference to reveal secret deals they had uncovered that an agreement existed between the U.S. Government and alien races. These stories had been circulating ever since the early 1980s, which was coincidentally the same period that Paul Bennewitz had first started to uncover his own cornucopia of fantastic scenarios. The heat of the schism's wrath centered on Bill Moore. Moore had already been suspected as one of a few UFO researchers who were working for the intelligence community to spread disinformation in order to confuse and discredit the entire movement. At the time, his position looked frighteningly suspicious.

The Grand Ballroom was packed to a standing-room crowd when he took the dais on the evening of July 1st. Soon after he began, the audience began to mutter amongst themselves, and then began to shout at Moore. The speech had to be stopped several times to restore order. One researcher stood up and rhetorically asked "Where did you get all that crap from, Bill?" In the midst of a few well-placed barbs at anyone he felt had consistently missed the point in the past, he tried to carefully explain what he had done. Yes, he had

deliberately withheld information from certain researchers, and he had reported on their thinking and activities to his contacts in the intelligence world. He had visited Paul Bennewitz on at least four occasions, talked to him many times and reported on what he found to these same people. He had withheld and blacked out certain parts of UFO-related government documents. He had even passed a deliberately misleading document on to Bennewitz.

But in the midst of the hollering, most missed his point. He was actually admitting to this and explaining how it was done. He was warning other researchers that this could happen to them, and indeed already had. Many chose to think that Moore was thumbing his nose at them, while rubbing their faces in what he said was their naiveté. They also felt betrayed by a man whom they had trusted. The audience didn't even know if they could count on his declaration that "several other individuals" were involved in the same sort of deal that he was revealing that evening. Moore was involved in the spy game up to his eyeballs, and his work with and for the shadow side of the military and intelligence establishment was far, far more intricate and complicated than he was ever going to reveal in mixed company. The journey he had been on to advance toward the tightly-held-secrets of the government-UFO interaction went so beyond anything he and other researchers had been exposed to in the past, that he probably couldn't describe it to them if he tried. In spite of the backbiting, he thought that he would come as clean as he thought was possible, and help to steer Ufology into a new phase—a time where those who were following the phenomenon could use the tools he and a few others had developed to get as much information as possible from the government without getting burned in the process. This point was lost in the shouting, and Moore ducked out a door near the podium.

Out on a routine patrol near the Manzano complex on just after midnight on August 9, 1980, three guards saw a bright light descend to the ground in Coyote Canyon in an area that is not visible to anyone outside the complex. As one of the guards approached a security-alarmed nuclear storage bunker, he noticed a very bright light hovering motionless near the ground behind a building. Taking a shotgun, the guard got out of his vehicle and walked towards the light source. He thought he was looking at a landed helicopter, and tried to radio back for help and advice, but found that his walkie-talkie had stopped working. He crept closer to confront the intruder and noticed the light was a round, disc-shaped object. Just as he was about to shout out a warning to whoever was running the thing, the object took off straight up and was lost to view in seconds.

This was not the first or the last time that furtive lights were seen zipping about secure areas of Kirtland. Other FOIA -released documents described multiple events that, according to the brief descriptions, also baffled Air Force investigators.

Now known collectively as the "Kirtland Documents," the pages consist in part, of "Complaint Forms" filled out by Doty and his AFOSI commander Major Thomas Cseh. They describe the aforementioned events as well as a report from another security guard about

an episode that had happened in early August of the same year. But had these lights been flying around in front of the Manzano Nuclear storage complex on the nights that Paul Bennewitz had his eight millimeter film and 35 mm cameras whirring and clicking away? Bennewitz had told a few people that he had seen what looked like security patrols making their rounds while he was filming the lights and their dramatic nighttime dances. The guards seemed not to notice, almost as if they had expected to see these displays, or perhaps the lights were invisible to them from their vantage points far inside the base.

The events and organizations who were called like moths to the flame that Paul Bennewitz had lighted were there to make sure that whatever they were trying to protect would never see the light of public truth. The people and situations that were starting to swirl around Paul Bennewitz were invisible to him, and that's the way the NSA, DIA and AFOSI liked it. The men and women whose job it was to keep things buried did not want the graves disturbed, or the underground tunnels leading to them breached.

Paul Bennewitz would come to trust at least some of the words of Special Agent Richard Doty and other Air Force people who passed along important information vital to his research. He made the mistake of thinking that any of them would give up more than they were allowed. His Achilles heel was his credulity, as long as whatever he was told or saw seemed to square up with what his theories and hunches were telling him. To be sure, he was an intelligent man, and usually knew when he was being misled, but his single-minded quest revealed a blind spot. As long as his questions kept him away from sensitive projects at Kirtland, or sent him on wild goose chases, the agencies that were monitoring his activities felt that their job protecting national security was well done.

If the Air Force, Sandia and Phillips Labs, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency didn't want any attention drawn to the base and their activities, then why were they encouraging Paul to keep looking and make more noise? Wouldn't that draw more attention to the very things they were trying to hide? The trick involved misdirection of attention and more. The main intention was to draw curious eyes away from the center of activity while, as one DIA man put it, "bringing a few moles out of their holes." If Bennewitz and others shouted long and loud enough, the ones who the spooks were truly worried about would come calling, pretending to be innocently interested in UFOs while actually trying to gather as much information as they could on anything that was being developed out at Kirtland, and other bases around the country.

In 1980, Dr. Robert Q. Fugate was on the roster at Sandia Labs specializing in optical physics. He had been working for the Air Force since 1970 on various projects falling in his area of research and expertise. Fugate was assigned to a project that could to somehow correct for atmospheric turbulence so that high-powered telescopes could locate and track spy satellites flying over the Base, and other sensitive areas.

Thus equipped, the Air Force, NSA, DIA, and whoever else needed the information were able to track deep space surveillance devices and other objects at any hour. The main

problem remained keeping this secret from the "evil empire," (the USSR) and Paul Bennewitz was pointing his instruments and at least one of his warning fingers right at this facility, even though he hadn't the slightest idea of what he pointing at. The AFOSI didn't plan to clue him in, and in fact, began a campaign to get him pointing at something so weird, nonsensical and even frightening, that it puzzled even the most jaded UFO watchers. No one but the shadowy scriptwriters realized the whole thing was planned from the start, but Paul Bennewitz was his own worst enemy: He had laid the groundwork so well all on his own, that the Air Force needed only to give him a little shove to make him fall.

Bennewitz was compiling thousands of pages of data, but it was electronic gobbledygook as far as he could tell. There were patterns trying to make themselves known, but they were all out of focus. Now, instead of calculating circuit resistance or budget estimates for Thunder Scientific, he needed to figure out something that had never been seen by civilian eyes. He set himself to the task, and in a few months, he had the beginnings of a pattern. Bennewitz focused in on commonly repeated phrases and oft-used words like "and" and "the." He would also plug in other words like "UFO," "alien," "spaceship," and "abduction" and not so miraculously find a perfect fit. The expected alien progress reports on soil samples and the curious habits of earthlings was not what came chattering from his dot-matrix printer. It read more like some science-fiction nightmare, and confirmed his worst fears, because it eerily echoed the abduction stories that had come tumbling out of Myrna Hansen when Len Stringfield had put her under hypnosis a few months earlier. The AFOSI would eventually come calling and deliver an "improved" version of the decoding software. Bennewitz innocently accepted the new program, which was specifically tailored to lead him further into the maze of an alien invasion.

He had coined a term for his research, which his intuition was telling him that he was uncovering: Project Beta. Project Beta has since entered UFO legend, and many permutations and offshoots of this text floated around the grapevine for years afterwards.

Part of the disinformation leaked to Bennewitz and later other researchers described a project to destroy alien underground bases with atomic weapons and "bunker buster"-type bombs that could reportedly penetrate and destroy facilities up to a mile beneath the surface. The name associated with this project was "Excalibur."

In the late 1970s and early '80s, before more extensive test-ban treaties were in effect, Excalibur was actually the code name of a Dr. Edward Teller-initiated project at the Nevada atomic test site to explode low-yield nuclear devices in hollowed-out underground cavities. The huge release of energy from the explosion was then directed along specially designed and excavated tunnels which channeled the pulse to a device that produced an "X-ray laser" beam. At the time, X-ray lasers were being developed as a possible "directed energy" weapon under the Strategic Defense Initiative. Tales of underground alien bases fit neatly into this disinformation scenario.

In a letter dated December 13, 1987, John Lear, one of the speakers at the "alternate" Las Vegas MUFON convention urgently warned of a project at the Nevada Test Site connected to the "alien war." Lear wrote that UFO "control group" MJ12 had recently come to the conclusion that "there was no use in exciting the public with the 'horrible truth' [about the alien invasion] and the best plan was to continue the development of a weapon that could be used against the EBEs [Extraterrestrial Biological Entities] under the guise of 'SDI'..." which had nothing whatever to do with a defense from Russian nuclear missiles. Lear gave the source for some of this information as "covert intelligence," which may have been some of the same people who were feeding Bennewitz with alien invasion stories.

In early 1981, many weeks after Bennewitz' November 10th high-level meeting at Kirtland Air Base and with little success in keeping him from writing to and calling Senators Harrison Schmidt and Pete Domenici, the AFOSI decided that it was time to start drawing his attention away from the base. The projects that Bennewitz were monitoring were literally right in front of him both at work and home, so the task of directing his attention away from them was difficult. The National Security Agency was also conducting research at the Base, in plain view of the Four Hills neighborhood, as well as the nearby I-40 highway, but had managed to keep most of it under wraps until Paul Bennewitz had shown up, making waves and asking inconvenient questions. To avoid confusion amongst intelligence operations, they were apparently forced to admit to the other security agencies at Kirtland that the mystery signals that Bennewitz was picking up and recording were part of one of their projects.

Bennewitz had put his total trust in the AFOSI at Kirtland and had been led astray about almost everything nearly from day one. He had been told so many stories that they were starting to leak out of his research effort and into Washington D.C. His reports and updates were "approved" by Edwards and Doty and Bennewitz unfortunately sent these on to the Pentagon and his State Senators, who didn't know what to make of them at first. As granny always said, "When you tell a lie, you have to tell two to cover it up" and Kirtland Intelligence had told quite a pack of them. No records exist of official reactions to Bennewitz' revelations, but a lot of patching up was needed to explain to officialdom what this man was doing with the apparent sanction of the Air Force. From Bennewitz' point of view, the cognitive dissonance of apparent approval and assistance on one hand, and doors slammed in his face, as well impassioned letters going unanswered on the other was starting to take its toll.

Late in 1981, Doty invited Bennewitz to board a "Huey"-type helicopter for a private tour of the Archuleta Mesa near Dulce. They flew him out of Kirtland and, talking over the noise of the engine through their wired crash helmets Doty carefully pointed out the almost impossibly inaccessible (by ground) areas where the Air Force had carefully planted old jeeps and storage buildings, telling Bennewitz that these were places of concern and that he might want to ask his alien radio buddies what was going on. Bennewitz made two more Air

Force-sponsored flights out to the mesa (on at least one occasion accompanied by Col. Edwards) and began to point out things on his own.

It is certainly possible that someone at Kirtland was testing unconventional flying craft. It is also quite possible that these small craft were highly maneuverable and tested only at night to hide their existence and keep suspicious observers guessing. Not as possible, but definitely worth considering is the idea of a highly maneuverable, brightly-lit craft using an anti-gravity drive of some sort, developed in the 1960s, and perfected by the late 1970s. If this was the case, then the joint NSA/ AFOSI effort to keep it under wraps makes more sense. Most "unauthorized citizens" who happened to see the lights jumping about over the base had the "Oh look, it's one of them UFOs" reaction, and left it at that. Perhaps they even went as far as reporting their sightings to the authorities, but Paul Bennewitz was the only one who decided to look into things further, and therein sealed his fate.

His belief in the scenario he had concocted, with a lot of help from the AFOSI and the NSA would take over his life, and finally end with his committal to a mental hospital for nervous exhaustion in 1988. Although they did not intend for Bennewitz to take things as far as he did, these organizations and the individuals who worked for them were directly responsible for Bennewitz' deterioration. In the final analysis, the case of Paul Bennewitz remains in the same family as the CIA's MKULTRA mind-control research on US citizens during the 1950s and '60s: The welfare of the individual was less important than the cult of intelligence and the secrets they were sworn to protect.





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# Evidence from The National Archives: Governmental Proof of Keen UFO Interest and Sensitivity

Ryan Wood



## Document Sources

- National Archives
  - College Park MD
  - Library of Congress Manuscript Division
  - Truman Presidential Library
  - Eisenhower Presidential Library
  - More Libraries to go...
- University Library's – Special Collections
  - Stanford, San Diego, Univ. of Minnesota

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## The Evidence

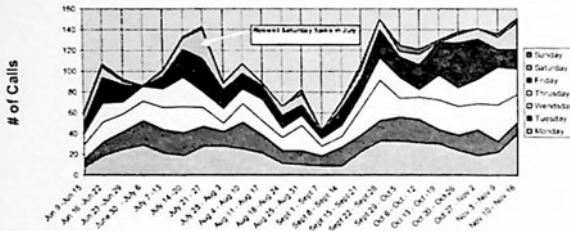
- Most archival evidence is circumstantial, there are very few smoking gun UFO documents in the national archives system
  - Because they are highly classified or been deliberately pulled – missing files

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## White House Phone Records - 1947

1947 White House Switch Board Phone Calls  
Layered Weekday Totals



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## Raw 1947 Phone Logs



- Includes Presidential Secretary calls
- Collect calls to the White House
- Switchboard calls through White House tie lines

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## July 1947 – White House Roswell Players?

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| • AG                   | •General Handy      | • Mr. Dutchie        |
| • Anderson             | •Hannegan - PMG     | • Nimitz             |
| • Captain Buchanan     | •George C. Marshall | • Patterson          |
| • Clifford             | •General Carter     | • Pauley             |
| • Col Hank Meyers      | •Hopkins            | • PMG -              |
| • Col. John Eisenhower | •J L Sullivan       | • Rob Lovett         |
| • Forrestal            | •James Webb         | • Royall             |
| • Fosket               | •Krug               | • Senator Vandenberg |
| • Foster               | •Leahy              | • Smith              |
|                        | •Major Schultz      | • Snyder             |
|                        |                     | • Steelman           |
|                        |                     | • Symington          |
|                        |                     | • Vandenberg         |

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## Truman Meets With N. Mex. Senator

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 1947  
 10.00 -  
 10.15 -  
 10.30 - Sen. Carl A. Hatch, N. Mex.  
 10.45 -  
 11.00 - Majr. John Stewart Carroll-Walton  
 11.15 - Mr. Burton J. Wheeler

- Wed. July 9, 1947 , Truman meets with New Mexico Senator Carl A. Hatch.
- Why?
- Odd time to meet, or was it to discuss New Mexico UFO Crashes?

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## Lt. Col. Blount to Dr. Evans

- 10 March 1950 memo on the Psychological Analysis of Reports of UAOs from the Aero Medical Laboratory at Wright Field.
  - "New report is in the process of being published classified 'Top Secret'.
  - "...one of these so-called flying saucers crashed in Mexico; however, the details are somewhat bizarre at this moment."

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20 March 1950

Dr. Ashley C. Evans  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Evans:

Enclosed you will find a Memorandum Report on the Psychological Analysis of Reports of Unidentified Aerial Objects, which was prepared by one of our psychologists at the Aero Medical Laboratory at Wright Field. As you will note, this report is almost a year old and was originally classified "Confidential". However, the classification has recently been changed to "Restricted", therefore, this report is for your information only.

I have also enclosed information that a new report is in the process of being published and will be classified "Top Secret". I regret to say that I do not know what this latest report contains, however, I will attempt to get a copy as soon as it is published.

It has recently been reported that one of these so-called flying saucers crashed in Mexico; however, the details are somewhat bizarre at this moment. When you have finished with the enclosed report, will you please return it to this office.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

ROBERT S. BLOUNT

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 Lt. Colonel, USAF (MC)  
 Chief, Medical Research Division  
 Office of the Surgeon General

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## 1950 El Indio Guerrero Crash

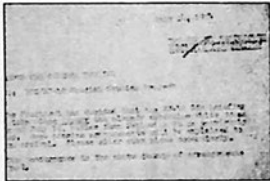


- Dec 6, 1950, Switchboard records phone calls through 11 PM – rare
- From ~10:00 AM straight through to 1:15 PM there are 23 calls – Why?

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## Cutler To Twining Memo

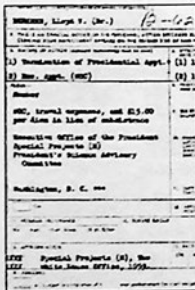
Top Secret Restricted – July 14, 1954



- Shows NSC/MJ-12 Special Studies Project
- Authentic document in National Archives
- Links to others that are on the Special Studies project – Bronk, Berkner

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## Dr. Lloyd V Berkner



- Notification of Personnel Action 2-11-59
- Appropriation: "Special Studies (M), The White House Office, 1959"
- On Eisenhower Briefing document as a member of Majestic-12.

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## Detlev Bronk's FBI File



- Comparison with officially released FBI Files and those copied from Truman Presidential library show Bronk was Part of a "Special Studies Project"
- More circumstantial Evidence for MJ-12
- Why did the FBI Redact – Someone there must know something.

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## Special Subcommittee On High Altitude Earth Satellite Vehicles



- 2 June 1947 memo from Crawford to Aeronautical Board
- "It is requested that Mr. Vincent S Roddy, be appointed a member of the Special Subcommittee on High Altitude Earth Satellite Vehicles Vice Col. H. J. Sands.
- Is this a cover for UFOs?
- RG 341, E174, B148

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## Central Intelligence Group Intelligence Advisory Board



- From Record Group 353, Entry 411-413 Box 96 Interdepartmental committees The Central Intelligence Group (CIG)
- Intelligence Advisory Board IAB, held its 14th meeting on Thursday, July 17th 1947. The agenda memo shows one blacked out agenda item number three and none of the associated tabs are declassified yet.
- If you believe in Roswell event in early July 1947 are real then this was the first official meeting of the IAB and logical the event(s) would have been thoroughly discussed.

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## JOIA Memo 1412, 12 April '49



- Mentions CIA Top Secret MJ-12 in lower corner
- Format correct, numbering sequence correct
- Declassification stamps and dates correct.
- CIA, ER – Executive Registry correct
- Yet, CIA can find the document again

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## Authenticity Sidebar



- Reference, RG330, JCS-JOIA Box 35 1946-'52
- Same approved for release stamp and date, but not identical.
- Same processing number 834021-XXX
- Correct JOIA sequence
- Correct ER-1-2735 for Paperclip related
- Corner typing right

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## Another Crash Retrieval?

9 August 1949 – Hebgen Lake, MT



- Incoming MAJESTIC-12 Message?
- "Two of the discs were alleged to have crashed, 1 in the lake, and the other on the opposite shore in the wooded area."

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## The Missing Files

- George C. Marshall's desk calendar at Virginia Military Institute – July and August 1947 missing years before, after intact
- Roswell Army Air Field Missing Files – Shredded without authorization per GAO and Congressman Schiff
- LOC manuscript division Twining Calendars
- Many more...

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## Advanced Study Group

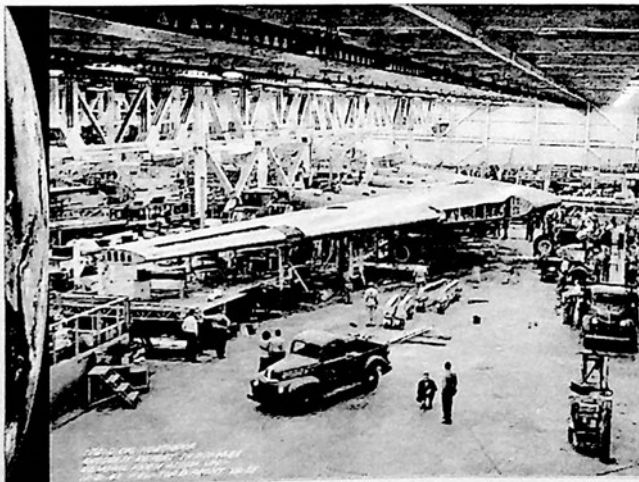
Air Materiel Command Wright Field, Ohio



- 12 September 47, Memo by Don Zimmerman, Chief, ASG to Lt. Gen. Twining
- Top R&D group testing all the latest finds from Soviet aircraft to alien spacecraft.
- File contents missing at national Archives in College Park, MD

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## Top Secret USAFE Item 14



- 4 Nov 1948
- Swedish Air Intelligence Service – “these phenomenon are obviously the result of a high technical skill which cannot be credited to any known culture on Earth.”

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## R&D Board

Basic Physical Sciences – Jan 28, 1949



- Discusses the program planning for metallurgical R&D
- Focused on magnetic materials, high heat resistant ceramics, and metals/alloys with increased strength-weight ratios.
- Is the likely place where unusual materials from the New Mexico crash events would have been analyzed and discussed.
- The most basic from our physics understanding at the time would be the materials.
- Nearly impossible at that time to make any progress in reverse engineering neutronic engines, lasers, or fiber optics.

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## Wilbert B. Smith Memo

November 21, 1951

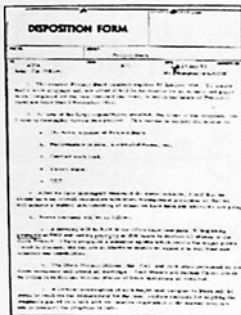
- Canadian Top Secret Memo in Dept of Transportation says:
  - Flying saucers exist
  - Most highly classified subject higher than H-Bomb
  - Dr. Van Bush is in charge
  - Of tremendous significance to US

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## Project STORK

UAO (UFO) Reporting Analysis



- Follow-up / on Project Grudge, 23 Sep 1953, Brig. Gen Garland, ATIC
- Source: RG341, E284, Box 127
- "To insure that work stoppage will not occur...paper work for new contract..."

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## NSAM 271- Nov 12, 1963



- Cooperation with USSR on Outer Space Matters, to James Webb signed by JFK
- "I would like you to assume personally the initiative ...of substantive cooperation with the Soviet Union in the field of outer space, ..."
- "...broader cooperation between the United States and the U.S.S.R. in outer space, including cooperation in lunar landing programs. ..."

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## Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit



- Dated May 16, 1984 from Lt. Col. Lance R. Cornie to William S. Steinman provides official evidence that the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit (IPU) did exist
- The memo is suspicious in its categorical denials and claims based only on "institutional memory."
- Yet the unit "was formed as in-house project purely as an interest item of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence."
- Many Assistant COS-G2, have been directly linked to the MJ-12 program,
- Cantwheel said he worked at the IPU - (source of many of the Cooper Papers
- Another living witness retired from NRO and said he worked at the IPU

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## IPU License Plate

Allegedly used at the NRO

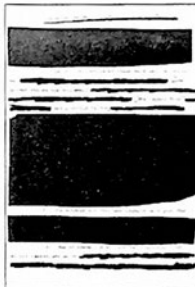


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## CAUS Lawsuit – TS UMBRA

9 October 1980



- It is still blacked out, although less now than in 1980
- No mention of MOONDUST intercepts, which should be there
- NSA is heavily involved
- Is there any doubt it is a super sensitive topic?

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## Moondust – Somali Explosion



- 3-page document, titled Somaliland President Egal Speaks on Mysterious Bomb Blast, January 1996
- Concerns a series of "mysterious explosions"
- Originated with the CIA and then was forwarded to the State Department, Defense Intelligence Agency and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
- States that in some quarters the explosions had been attributed to UFOs.
- Interestingly, the document also states that the physical and mental health of both animals and people in the region had been adversely affected by whatever it was that had exploded.
- Symptoms included dementia, skin rashes, boils on the skin, aching stomachs, and skin shedding.

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## Moondust– Agadir, Morocco



- One page DOD document makes clear the link between UFO studies and MOONDUST. 18 Jan 1967

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## Moondust – Santa Cruz, Bolivia



- Two pages forwarded to the State Department by the CIA
- Detail the crash of "an unidentified object" in Bolivian territory in May 1978.
- The object was reportedly 4 meters in diameter
- US military officers at the site have been interviewed and confirm extraterrestrial origin

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## Harry B. Cooper Commendation



- Tim provides copy of father's USAF UFO Program Citation signed by Curtis E. Lemay
- Establishes 1957 – 1963 approx. Timeframe
- National Photographic Interpretation Center Involvement

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## National Personal Records Center

St. Louis, MO, shows USAF UFO Program

1957 to 1 June 1965. His exemplary knowledge of film processing and printing techniques necessary when and photographic production for intelligence evaluation of film camera film and still photographs requested as well by the Defense Technology Division and the National Photographic Interpretation Center in their contribution to the USAF UFO program. His exemplary knowledge as a non-Commissioned Officer in the United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations reflect great credit upon himself, the Air Defense Command and the United States Air Force.

BY ORDER OF ROBERT T. LONEY  
Chief of Staff,  
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## FOIA Request Examples

- 15 Oct 1947, Young to R&D Board – Secret, RG341, E-174, Box 143
- 20 Jun 1951, Twining to DCS/Development, Top Secret RG341, E161, Box1
- LOC – Manuscript Ramey to Twining, Twining Box 121
- 1 July 1947, Souers on Atomic Energy Intelligence NND943011, folder 131, Case 6
- CIC Unit Histories

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Memo  
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To: Twining

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TS-RD

Conor Batts Reviewer      3-27-83 Date

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Date 1-16-57

From Sidney W. Scherer

Atomic Energy Intelligence

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Date 6-20-51

From Twining

To DCS/Development

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NAD 917084 Authority      3-17-84 Date

WITHDRAWAL NOTICE

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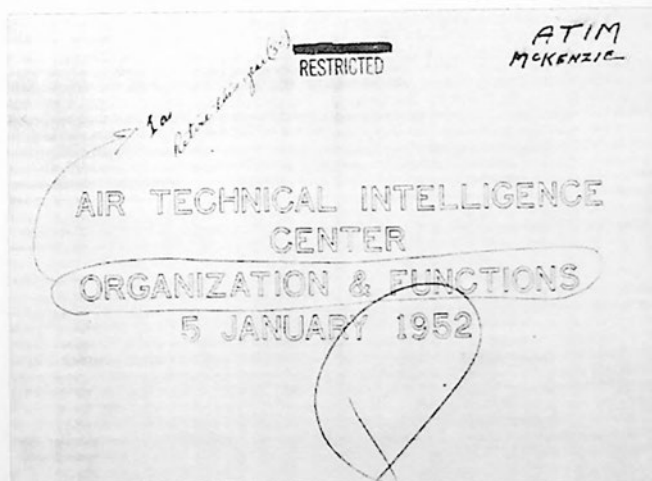
- Linked to the right UFO people at the right UFO Crash times
- Many are very obvious others are subtle and you need historical perspective to understand what is happening
- Declassification takes years, you are tagged, tracked and keep on file!

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## Future Investigations

- National Personnel Records Center, hunting down the witnesses, there are lots of them, hundreds of names and their children.
- Air Technical Intelligence Center
- Atomic Energy Intelligence
- NARA & Presidential Libraries Research Efforts

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## National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

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# Authenticating the Special Operations Manual

Dr. Robert M. Wood

## Introduction and Background

"Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic." These words by Arthur C. Clark reflect what I believe: there is no magic. There are secrets, but they are the secrets of science and technology. During my professional career, I had been hungering for the opportunity to really probe into the technology of UFOs, and so when I retired in 1993, I

## BACKGROUND

- Started in 1967, knew Jim McDonald
- Led a project to study gravity control
- "Retired" in 1993, started on documents
- Friedman asked me to look at the SOM
- Don Berliner was very helpful initially
- See [www.majesticdocuments.com](http://www.majesticdocuments.com)
- The issues and what's new?

was ready for the Special Operations Manual challenge. Slide 2. During my career with McDonnell Douglas, I led a little project aimed at gravity control and had become well acquainted with Jim McDonald, who talked me into visiting the Condon Committee. I "retired" in 1993, and Stan Friedman had been given some poor copies of a "manual" with the fascinating title of "Extraterrestrial Entities and Technology—

Recovery and Disposal." He put me in touch with owner Don Berliner, who graciously went with me to a copy shop and I made very high quality copies from the original negatives, which is what Don had received in the mail. Today, I will be summarizing the content of this remarkable document, discussing its provenance, analyzing its authenticity, rebutting claims of fakery and telling you my latest thinking.

Slide 3. We begin with a summary table of the various documents I have obtained from a variety of sources, totaling over 3500 pages, of which more than 600 pages are top secret. This table shows the source, the date it was leaked, the number of documents obtained, the number of pages, and the classification. M means code word MAJIC, EO

## MANY SOURCES HAVE PROVIDED DOCUMENTS

Source	When	Docs.	Pages	Class.
■ Jaime Shandera	1984	2	8	TSMEO
■ Bill Moore	1985	1	11	TSR
■ Legionnaire via TC	1992	1	4	TS
■ CIA archivist via TC	1992	1	1	TS
■ Cantwell via TC	93-96	16	42	TS
■ Quillin via D. Berliner	1994	1	23	TSRMEO
■ Tim Cooper/FOIA	1994	1	1	MJ-12 ref
■ Salina via TC mailbox	1996	14	38	TSMEO
■ S-2 (main plus to TC)	1999	48	3132	S, uncl
■ Ft. Meade Army FOIA	1999	1	335	TSM, conf
■ S-1 (mailed to TC)	2000	10	150	TSM
■ S-3 (mailed to TC)	2000	3	4	TS, x2
■ S-4 (mailed to TC)	2001	4	17	TS Omega
Totals		103	3766	

## KEY SOURCES, DOCUMENTS

Source	Key Documents
■ Jaime Shandera	Eisenhower Briefing Doc.
■ Bill Moore	Aquarius document
■ Legionnaire via TC	Air Accident Report
■ CIA archivist via TC	Marilyn Monroe Report
■ Cantwell via TC	IPU, Hillenkoetter, 1st Annual Rpt
■ Quillin via D. Berliner	Special Operations Manual
■ Tim Cooper/FOIA	Hillenkoetter with MJ-12 file note
■ Salina via TC mailbox	Einstein/Opp., Truman directives
■ S-2 (mail plus to TC)	28 pp secret, 3000 pp unclass.
■ Ft. Meade Army FOIA	Bowen Manuscript
■ S-1 (mailed to TC)	WP Library note, many photos
■ S-3 (mailed to TC)	FDR, Marshall, Bush, Truman
■ S-4 (mailed to TC)	Ike JEHOVAH, Teller on UFOs

means Eyes Only and R means Restricted. The next table (Slide 4) gives the name of the principal documents for each source. However, today we are primarily looking at the Special Operations Manual received by Don Berliner, mailed from Quillin's Drugs in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Before we get to the Manual, I wish to establish a relevant background shown in Slide 5. Everyone who has studied the topic agrees that the US awareness of the flying saucer problem started with Kenneth Arnold in June 1947, followed by the Roswell crashes (there were at least two). In 1950, Paul Trent took a photo that had a shape that was identical to one photographed in France in 1954, and in 1952, overflights of Washington caused the Robertson panel in 1953 to reduce public attention to this topic. In 1954, there were large numbers of interactions in France, with a spate of over 200 landings and 35 humanoid reports.

Slide 6. However, documents leaked to Tim Cooper from S-3 and others on Slide 4 revealed that there was a crash Cape Girardeau, Missouri in 1941, and we have interviewed the granddaughter of the minister who was called out to "bless the bodies." After the famous "Battle of L.A." there were two craft recovered—one crashed in the San Bernardino Mountains, and one was salvaged at sea by the Navy, according to leaked documents from Marshall's correspondence. The significance is, of course, that if we had recovered such

### COMMONLY ACCEPTED UFO FACTS — 1947-1954

- Kenneth Arnold saw nine discs on 24 June 47, first in the media
- Roswell crashes in early July 47 led to body recovery
- Paul Trent took McMinnville, Oregon, photo in '50, leading to later shape check in 1954
- Washington National sightings in '52 gave new reason for suppression
- Robertson panel met in Jan 53, reduced public attention
- French landings in 1954: 200 landings, 35 humanoids

### NEW UFO HISTORY FACTS

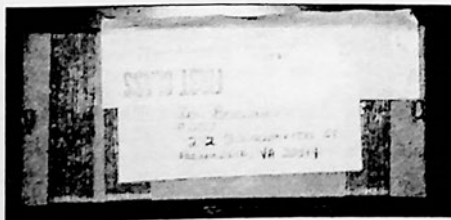
- There was a Missouri crash in 1941
- Two were recovered by the Army and Navy after the "Battle of L.A." in February 1942
- Security and recovery plans have been getting better every since
- You would expect a recovery manual to exist in some form

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### MANUAL ARRIVED AS FILM IN A GREEN PHARMACY BOX



- Postage Fmeter, 2223773, Postalia, La Crosse, WI, Mar 7, 1994; Issued to Quillin's Drugs

### EXTRATERRESTRIAL ENTITIES AND TECHNOLOGY, RECOVERY AND DISPOSAL

- The document is a "Special Operations Manual"
- Classification TOP SECRET / MAJIC EYES ONLY
- There is a warning notice on the back of each page
- Arrived by U.S. mail as a roll of undeveloped Tri-X
- Printed 5x7, copied on 8.5x11 (2 pages per page)
- Original simulated in Jan 1995
- The following summarizes main points of content

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alien craft in 1942 we would have had much more time to put our security plans in place in detail, including procedures to be used if other crashes occurred. This logically gives rise to the need for a recovery manual of some sort. We seem to be in possession of a 1954 edition, which is what this whole presentation is about.

The Manual arrived by U.S. Mail as a roll of undeveloped 35-mm Tri-X film that—interestingly—was manufactured in 1954. It came in a green box (Slide 7), hand addressed to Don Berliner using the same format that was provided for his contact in his MUFON presentation of July 1989. Postage was paid by an Fmeter number 2223773 made by Postalia, and issued for use by Quillin's Drugs in La Crosse WI. Postmarked March 7, 1994.

These bullets (Slide 8) hit the main points: it is a Special Operations Manual (hereafter shortened to Manual) with a classification of Top Secret and code word of MAJIC, not to be retained (EYES ONLY). It is printed on one side with a security warning notice on the facing pages. . It was, after developing, printed as 5x7 images, two per 8.5 x 11 sheet. In 1995, I began, from the best copies I had, to create a replica—primarily with the objective of just reading the words because it was so hard to read. Using the high quality copies made later has resulted in a nearly complete reconstruction of every word in the Manual, and this is what I will now rapidly summarize in the next 29 slides, highlighting items that I have found to be of special significance.

Before we begin, it is important to realize that IF you are satisfied that we might have had several recoveries prior to 1954, that it is quite logical that a manual of instructions should have been produced. So, some of you may be asking, "How do I know this is not a fake?" I will discuss this issued in more detail later, but in the meantime, you could logically have the view that if such a manual is likely to exist, it is not worse than a 50/50 chance that this is a fake. Typically, strong arguments of fakery come from those who have had access to classified material in their careers and see aspects of this Manual that do not coincide with what they have been told the security regulation would have been. None of these critics had Top Secret code word clearances in 1954. Furthermore, this project was clearly viewed to be so critical that they could have had the influence to create their own security regulations.

### **What the Manual Says**

This Slide 9 summarizes some of the main highlights of the Manual: purpose of recovery with secrecy, acceptance of extraterrestrial origin, huge emphasis on keeping the public uninformed, and very practical crating and shipping instructions. Of special note: included are some instructions for UFOB (Unidentified Flying OBject) reporting that are identical to an unclassified version, and the specification of arcane references to be precisely the ones for the 1954 time frame.

The cover (Slide 10) is quite an attention-getter, with the title, "Extraterrestrial Entities and Technology—Recovery and Disposal" telling the story of what the Manual is about

succinctly. It does have a Restricted caveat along with the Top Secret ones on the cover only. This anomaly will be discussed later. The War Office Logo was used whenever the customer wanted it used (according to the US Government Printing Office) all the way up to 1969. The footnote imprint identifies not only that fact that MJ-12 was the customer but the jacket and job numbers provided during production. The Manual is issued as a TO or Technical Order, and there is a sophisticated assignment of numbers and letters available in the archives at Tinker Air Force Base. The 12, for example, denotes avionics.

The use of a security warning facing every page (Slide 11) is uncommon but not unique. Some have claimed that permitting the "widow" word "forbidden" on the last line proves that it was not produced professionally. However, the USGPO Style Manual only

### THE APRIL 1954 SOM1-01

- Purpose is to recover ET remains and keep it secret
- In general, craft are discs, cigars, triangles; entities are one of 2 types; materials "not known to Terrestrial science"
- Security is of massive importance; keep public in dark
- Crating, uncrating instructions detailed; includes foreign
- Instructions for good UFOB reporting included
- References of the era seem genuine

### PHOTO OF THE COVER



- Restricted with Top Secret scarce but examples exist
- War Office logo used as late as 1969
- Footnote imprint identifies MJ-12 as customer
- TO numbers consistent with policy of the time

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### PROJECT PURPOSE AND GOALS

1. Scope of this manual
  - Present all aspects of Majestic-12 in order to:*
    - Give authorized personnel better understanding
    - More expertly deal with UFOBs, extraterrestrial technology and entities, and
    - Increase efficiency of future operations

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### PROJECT PURPOSE AND GOALS (continued)

2. General: take it seriously, clear up misconceptions, emphasize importance, stress need for absolute secrecy in every way—
  - "...entire subject to be a matter of the very highest national security."
3. Security Classification: reasons for security
  - Bad impact upon the public if general knowledge
  - Danger if advanced technology falls into hands of unfriendly foreign powers

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### PROJECT PURPOSE AND GOALS (continued)

4. History of the Group: and goals
  - Special classified presidential order on 24 Sep 47
  - Recommended by James Forrestal and Vannevar Bush
  - Operations directly responsible to President

- The six goals are:
- Recover all foreign or ET materials and devices
  - Recover all entities and remains in any way available
  - Establish Special Teams to do it
  - Establish and run secure facilities at secret locations
  - Establish covert operations to recover anywhere in world
  - Establish and maintain absolute top secrecy

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requires "widows" to be eliminated when they cost an extra page and therefore money. Numerous examples of widow lines exist in authentic manuals.

After the Table of Contents (which follows in exact detail every capitalization, punctuation, spacing and italicization noted in the Style Manual and confirmed by comparison with manuals of the era), we have the purpose and goals shown in Slides 12,13,14 and 15. You can see obvious desire to "increase efficiency of future operations" (did they have earlier disaster such as Roswell?); focus on "the very highest national security"; kickoff by Forrestal and V. Bush. Slide 14 identifies the six specific goals, including running secret locations, recovery "anywhere in the world" and absolute top secrecy. Slide 15 talks to the "current situation" of April 1954, assessing the ETs as a small threat compared to that "from unfriendly powers."

Slide 16 scopes the content of the rest of the Manual, identifying a list of personnel in Appendix II that is unfortunately not photographed, or perhaps not included in the photographer's copy.

Slides 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 provide definitions and data, starting with extraterrestrial technology including any material exhibiting characteristics "beyond science" and extraterrestrial biological entities (EBEs) as clearly different from homo sapiens evolution. The craft are described with a range of dimensions, ports, lights, landing gear. They are shown in Slide 19 with the fingers of the photographer. The ice cream cone shape more or less resembles that reported in the famous Cash-Landrum Texas case resulting in personal injuries. Slide 20 presents the dimensions and notes that "Air Force and Central Intelligence" are the source of the data based on wreckage collected from 1947-1953 inclusive. This would be consistent with the Air Force and CIA not having access to the prior crashes, which may have involved the Army, FBI, AEC and Navy.

Slide 21 provides a detailed description of EBE Type I, and Slide 22 is Bill McDonald's forensic rendition of these data. Bill has provided these drawings based not only on the information in the Manual, but much experience and exposure to historical autopsy procedures, tables and equipment, together with sources such as Leonard H. Stringfield who had witnesses providing confirming descriptions.

Slide 23 gives the EBE Type II description, and Slide 24 is Bill McDonalds forensic rendition. The cranium ridgeline is described in the Manual as "a slight peak that runs over the crown."

Finally, Slide 25 defines and describes extraterrestrial technology including materials "not known to Terrestrial science" and with great strength not obtainable then. The Manual in effect concedes that we do not know how they are made or what they are made of.

## PROJECT PURPOSE AND GOALS (concluded)

### 5. Current Situation — April 1954

- Don't seem to pose a direct threat
- Technology surpasses anything known to science
- Presence seems benign
- Several dead entities recovered, under study
- No alien attempt to recover dead or contact authorities
- Greatest threat is from unfriendly powers
- Latter is main thrust for high priority

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## INTRODUCTION—GENERAL

### 6. Scope: contains information on

- Determination, documentation, collection and disposition of debris, devices, craft, and occupants
- Appendix I-la contains references, including technical manuals, other publications
- Appendix II has list of personnel in Majestic—12 Group

### 7. Forms for reporting listed in Appendix I.

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## INTRODUCTION—DEFINITION AND DATA

### 8. General

- Extraterrestrial Technology:
  - Aircraft not manufactured by any terrestrial power
  - Object or devices, unknown origin, beyond science
  - Wreckage thought ET origin, accidents or military
  - Materials exhibiting characteristics beyond science
- Extraterrestrial Biological Entities (EBEs):
  - Creatures, humanoid or otherwise
  - Evolutionary processes different from homo sapiens

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## INTRO—DEFINITION AND DATA (cont.)

### 9. Description of Craft

- Elliptical or disc shape
  - 50-300 feet diameter
  - Dome may/may not include windows, ports
  - Most equipped with lights on top, bottom, rim
  - Landing gear, rectangular hatch
- Fuselage or cigar shape
  - Reports rare
  - 2000 feet long, 95 feet thick, not lower atmosphere
- Ovoid or circular shape, like ice cream cone
- Airfoil or triangular shape
  - Longest side 300 feet
  - High performance like first and third

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## “EXTRATERRESTRIAL CRAFT”



- Fingers of the photographer show in the photos
- The four shapes shown are consistent with public reports

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## EXTRATERRESTRIAL CRAFT

### SKETCHES OF FOUR DIFFERENT TYPES:

- Elliptical or disc shape (50-300 ft diameter)
- Fuselage or cigar shape (2000 ft long, 95 ft thick)
- Ovoid or cone shape (30-40 ft long)
- Airfoil or triangle shape (300 ft longest side)

*Data are from "documented sightings in Air Force and Central Intelligence and from examination of wreckage collected from various sources years 1947-1953 inclusive."*

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## INTRO—DEFINITION AND DATA (continued)

### 10. Description of Extraterrestrial Biological Entities: EBE Type I

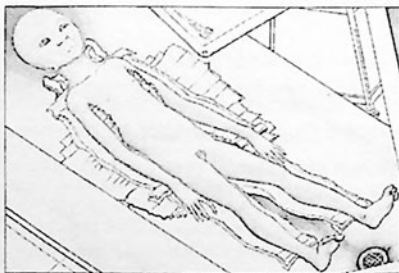
- Humanoid, look Oriental
- 5 to 5 feet 4 inches, weigh 80-100 pounds
- Larger, more rounded cranium
- Skin pale, chalky-yellow, thick, slightly pebbled
- Eyes small, wide-set, almond-shape, brownish-black irises, very large pupils, gray whites
- Mouth wide, nearly lipless
- Fine hair confined to underarm and groin
- Body thin, no fat, good muscles
- Small hands, four long digits, no thumb, webbing

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## EBE TYPE I AS DESCRIBED

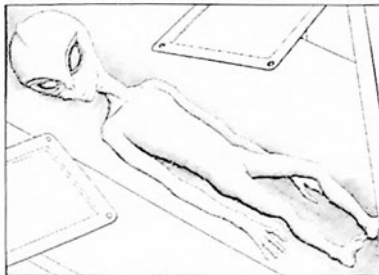


- Based on the SOM description
- By forensic artist Bill McDonald

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**EBE TYPE II AS DESCRIBED**

- Based on the SOM description
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**RECOVERY OPERATIONS — SECURITY****12. Press Blackout: extreme measures authorized**

- Official denial
- Discredit witnesses: intimidation, hysteria, hallucinations
- Deceptive statements: e.g., meteors, downed satellites, weather balloons, and military aircraft...all acceptable; also toxic spills OK

**13. Secure the area: no local law enforcement inside**

- Perimeter: personnel can not see the site
- Command post—close to site, secure communications
- Area sweep: witnesses released only after “debriefings”
- Situation evaluation: MJ—12 to evaluate team dispatch

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**SECTION II: TECHNOLOGY RECOVERY****14. Removal and transport: as soon as communication OK**

- Documentation: photos, radiation, toxics; if not secure, transport with covered transport, little-traveled roads
- Complete craft—RED TEAM, flatbeds, camouflaged
- EBEs—contamination worry, dead ones in ice; try to ensure survival; minimize interaction with EBEs; OPNAC Team in charge

**15. Cleansing the area —“all traces have been removed”****16. Special or unusual conditions: if large segments of public and press witness them, use Contingency Plan!**

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**18. INVENTORY SYSTEM**

- Includes “debriefing” the personnel
- Officer is in charge
- One inventory form using facility definitions

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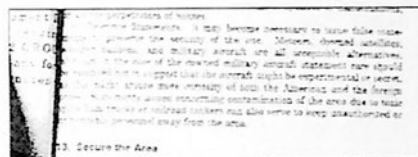
**INTRO—DEFINITION AND DATA (continued)****11. Description of Extraterrestrial Technology: from reports of wreckage collected from crash sites 1947-1953, some verbatim**

- Exploded from within, impacted fast, pieces light
- Analysis shows materials not known to Terrestrial science
- Material tested...great strength and resistance to heat
- Appearance of aluminum foil...unknown plastic-like...
- Substantial beams...similarity...dense grain-free wood...tensile and compression strength...not obtainable...
- No magnetic characteristics, residual radiation
- Examination of apparent mechanical devices revealed nothing of functions or methods of manufacture

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**DECEPTION POLICY CLEAR**

- Note the “downed satellites” and the toxic spills.
- See the “raised z” is its original form

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**EXTRATERRESTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CLASSIFICATION TABLE**

No.	Item Description	MJ-12 Code	Receiving Facility
1	Intact, operational or semi-intact ET aircraft	UA-002-6	Area 51 S-4
2	Intact device, mechanical or electronic	ID-301-F	Area 51 S-4
3	Damaged device, mostly complete	DD-303N	Area 51 S-4
4	Powerplant, possible propulsion units	PD-40-8G	Area 51 S-4
5	Identified fragments, known to science	IF-101-K	Area 51 S-4
6	Unidentified fragments, not known to science	UF-103-M	Area 51 S-4
7	Supplies and provisions, clothing, food	SP-331	Blue Lab WP-61
8	Living entity, good or reasonable health	EBE-010	OPNAC-BBS-01
9	Non-living entity, deceased or portions	EBE-XO	Blue Lab WP-61
10	Media: printed matter, electronic records	MM-54A	Bldg 21 KB-88
11	Weapons: offensive or defensive weaponry	WW-010	Area 51 S-4

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**PACKAGING AND PACKING DATA****19. Packaging and packing data**

- Table is extraterrestrial technology packing list: point of origin, destination, who packed, who inspected, shipping method

- Domestic shipment: tagged, wrapped, sealed with Kraft tape, marked MAJIC—12, fiberboard box

- Overseas shipment: same, but added moisture-vaporproof, water-grease-proof wooden container

*Note: organic matter handled differently, per Chapter 5*

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After the Introduction and Definitions, guess what comes FIRST? Security! Section 12 on press blackout makes it very clear that virtually any deceptive step is fair, whether it is official or unofficial, true or false, ethical or unethical—and by inference—legal or illegal. This includes telling people there has been a “downed satellite” or a toxic spill—whatever sells. Later, we will discuss the point that the first known successful satellite was in 1957. Clearly, Section 13 shows that they had a rather specific plan for securing the area, establishing a perimeter, secure communications, absolute “debriefings” to keep the individual silent about this up till their death beds.

Slide 27 shows an enlargement of the exact words used for deceptive statements. It also shows, in the penultimate line on the right, that the “z” character is slightly raised from the rest of the text. Later, I will describe this as a very significant indicator of the use of a hot lead printing press. This is contrasted with a modern attempt at hoaxing the anomaly of occasional raised “z”s found in conjunction with the use of Monotype presses.

Slide 28 describes the procedures for moving the parts, with the RED TEAM assigned to complete craft, and OPNAC in charge of any EBEs dead or alive. Again, security plans to “remove all traces” of any crash. This is why it is so difficult to find traces today even if we find the right crash site. The Manual alludes to a Contingency Plan in the event that large segments of the public and press witness the craft. Such a plan was also noted as Attachment G to the Eisenhower Briefing Document. Has this plan ever been put into effect during mass sightings? Interesting to wonder this.

Slide 29 is the actual content of one of the Manual pages, the Extraterrestrial Technology Classification Table. It categorizes all items into eleven categories, gives them a code name and says where to ship each kind. This table raised a red flag in some quarters because it identified “Area 51 S-4” as one of the receiving facilities. Later, we will provide evidence that this facility was started under construction in January 1951.

Slide 30 describes the paperwork process to ensure proper accounting, essential so that nothing gets lost or in public hands.

Slide 31 details the procedures for packing and associated paperwork. One expert on shipping paintings has volunteered that the procedures identified are consistent with the very best procedures then currently in use in the art world. The identification of Kraft tape as a shipping tape is right for the 1954 period. This tape is now not widely known, having been apparently replaced by the use of duct tape that requires no moisture. It emphasizes again that organic matter (EBEs dead or alive) is handled differently.

Slide 32 deals with receiving and handling, again with detailed thoroughly professional directions for ensuring safe removal of contents, complete with packaging diagrams<sup>1954</sup>. Second, the word dessicant is misspelled, but it should be desiccant, an error that would be made by many today. The fact that this is the only error in the Manual suggests that it went through a detailed USGPO-like proofreading process but was not checked with a spellchecker; mine picked out this mistake right away.



## RECEIVING AND HANDLING

20. Uncrating, unpacking and checking: only cleared personnel do this

- Be careful: follow security, cut wires, screws, tape, lift, cut tape, cut barrier, envelope, inner carton, dessicant (sic), put materials back in shipping container
- Check against documents, inspect for damage; send on quickly by covered transport with security

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## EXTRATERRESTRIAL BIOLOGICAL ENTITIES

### SECTION I: LIVING ORGANISMS

21. Scope: only OPNAC deals with them

22. General: TOP SECRET, public not to know, creatures do not exist, no agency is investigating Extraterrestrials

23. Encounters

- If initiated by EBES: locations selected by mutual agreement; if land in public view, prepare cover stories for media and briefings for President and Chiefs of Staff
- As a result of downed craft: limit to military personnel

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## ISOLATION AND CUSTODY

- Detain EBES by "whatever means are necessary" to remove to secure location. Minimize contamination.
- Injured, wounded EBES treated by medical personnel assigned to OPNAC Team. No medications.
- Security is paramount. "Loss of EBE life acceptable"
- OPNAC is in charge "regardless of apparent rank or status"; no one can interfere per President

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## NON-LIVING ORGANISMS

25. Scope is retrieval, preservation, removal of cadavers and remains

26. Retrieval and preservation

- Decomposition degree will vary: photos of all remains
- Minimize contact: gloves, tools, no bare hands
- Preserve remains: ice, tarps, labels, sealed containers
- Small pieces in jars, marked, refrigerated with ice

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## REFERENCES

1. Standard Regulations: security and maintenance
2. Supply regulation
3. Other publications: training, technical regulations, administrative publications, organizations and tables of allowance
4. Test equipment (electronic)
5. Photographic: print processing, photography, darkroom

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## GUIDE TO UFO IDENTIFICATION

UFOB Guide:

27. Follow-up investigations: favor coherency, clarity, 1/4 minute sighting duration

28. Each case individual, but rules of thumb helpful:

- Duration of sighting: more than 15 sec or lots of people
- Number of people counts more if different locations
- For distance, follow-up proportional to inverse of square of distance; but try to get a "fix"

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## RULES OF THUMB (Concluded)

- Reliability: logic, coherency, age, occupation
- No. of sightings > 2, 1 mile apart
- Within seven days or of no value
- Always follow up on physical evidence such as photos, material, or hardware)

29. Conclusion for UFOB guide: all criteria to be evaluated in terms of "common sense."

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## GUIDE TO UFO IDENTIFICATION

### ■ Section II: Identification Criteria

- General: find the stimulus
- Aircraft?
- Balloons?
- Meteor?
- Stars or planets?
- Optical phenomena?

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Slide 33 explains our policies very clearly with respect to EBEs: they do not exist, no agency is investigating, cover stories will be ready.

Slide 34 reaffirms that OPNAC is in charge of the EBEs, and that they are to be captured and removed to a secure location by "whatever means are necessary." "Loss of EBE life is acceptable."

For non-living organisms, shown on Slide 35, the focus is on retrieval and preservation, while minimizing contact with them and marking them.

Slide 36 identifies the kinds of references that the Manual provides. These references have been checked against those applicable and found to be consistent with the document numbers of the era; furthermore, similarly dated authentic manuals use some of the exact same references.

The Manual includes a handy guide to UFO identification and is summarized on Slides 37, 38 and 39. These words are identical to those that were in internal review by the Air Force. They include some interesting criteria, such as at least 1/4-minute of observations, more credibility with multiple witnesses, and follow-up proportional to inverse square of distance. It notes that if it is older than seven days it is not likely to be of value. It also emphasizes the value of photos, material or hardware. (Obviously to be taken from the witnesses where possible.) Slide 39 summarizes the five kinds of normal stimuli that account for most of the misperceptions of conventional objects or lights. About a dozen considerations are offered for each of these five stimuli.

### **Authentication Techniques**

The techniques for authenticating questioned documents are not mysterious. They are tried and true, and used by professionals all the time for legal or copyright issues. Slide 40 summarizes the main techniques. Clearly, establishing provenance is a very helpful event. If documents were genuinely classified and then "leaked," this action is illegal (as the security warning notes), and so the leakers attempt to conceal their identity, as is the case for the Manual. This unfortunately breaks the provenance chain of custody.

Moving to the physical processes, with original paper, it is possible to date the ink, identify the watermark and the paper. For typewriter impressions on original paper, it is usually possible to compare with a library of fonts and identify the typewriter make and model. None of this applies to SOM 1-01 since it is printed. There, however, we can identify the type fonts used and we will touch on that in a moment. The Manual has no signatures.

Intellectually, we can hunt for anachronisms, compare language usage and compare with other known authentic documents. Although not shown, it is also possible to use forensic linguistics to identify the precise writing style of one individual. This would seem to have low value if the document was created by committee.

Slide 41 gives a beautiful example of great provenance with the Bowen Manuscript received from an FOIA office at Ft. Meade. The originals were identified to be old, and written by Vernon Bowen. I was able to locate his son, who has confirmed that his father wrote this documents. Excellent provenance.

Slide 42. As far as SOM 1-01 goes, the provenance begins with Don Berliner receiving the box and its contents of exposed 35-mm Tri-X film. The meter, however, provides a clue and we have identified Quillin's Drugs as the source of the meter, and members of the Quillin family and one of the employees has been interviewed. One researcher has claimed to have held the Manual that was photographed in his hand and noted that it was "old paper." The fact that the film negative was manufactured in 1954 suggests that the photos might have been taken as early as that. However, I am not sure who has the Manual now and it would not be constructive to speculate. I suspect that it is still in La Crosse WI. If the owner would voluntarily loan it for inspection, it would end a lot of guessing. Furthermore, since the contents have been publicly disclosed, they are no longer classified and no law would be broken by this action. I recommend sending it to my address at 1727 Candlestick Lane, Newport Beach CA 92660 by express mail or FedEx and I will cooperate with the mailer. Alternatively, he/she could write me first asking any questions.

In a separate interview with witness Navy yeoman Dale Bailey, he asserts that he saw a version of this Manual when he was assisting in the destruction of classified UFO material for an Admiral in 1976.

Matching the type font for a printed document can be helpful in assessing authenticity, although with sophisticated PageMaker or equivalent software available, skeptics often claim that it is too easy to fake. However, if fake, this Manual was produced before it was mailed on March 1994; the software available then was quite crude. Furthermore, Ryan Wood has shown convincingly that such an effort would have cost hundreds of thousand of dollars.

After I had a good copy of the documents, I made an appointment to visit the US Government Printing Office and met with Mr. Robert McArtor, whose job it was to answer questions of the public. This man was a many-year employee, and quite a credit to the Public Printer. He assessed the good copies I had made of the Manual, and in about an hour had concluded that the lower case font was surely Monotype Modern by examining the details of the f's and g's. He provided me with high quality originals of type fonts. He said that this was common in 1954. He did note some surprise that the word "federal" (as in "federal law") in the security warning was not capitalized because that is now their custom. However, he said that he was certain that it was done on a Monotype press when he noted that there were a couple of raised "z"s in the text. He said this was an almost certain mark of authenticity because it was one of the rare errors that emerged from the old Monotype machines when the lead letters did not drop down all the way. This happened because seldom used letters like the z got some crud on a few of the brass slugs.

**HOW DO YOU AUTHENTICATE?**

- Establish provenance if possible
- Physical
  - Date the ink, watermark or paper
  - Identify typewriter make and model
  - Match the type font and press
  - Compare signatures and other notation
- Intellectual
  - Hunt for anachronisms
  - Compare language use: etymology
  - Compare with known, authentic docs

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**EXAMPLE: PROVENANCE**

- The Vernon Bowen manuscript
- Finished about 1961
- Lent to Air Force for approval
- Returned from Fort Meade in 2000
- I saw pages come out of envelope
- TOP SECRET/MAJIC stamps
- I have originals now

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**PROVENANCE OF SOM 1-01**

- Receipt by Don Berliner
- Meter number links it to Quillan Drugstore, La Crosse, WI
- Two candidates interviewed
- One researcher "held it in my hand and it was old paper"
- Dale Bailey handled it in 1976

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**EXAMPLE: MATCH THE TYPE FONT**

- Experts have determined the Special Operations Manual SOM 1-01 main text to be "Monotype Modern"
- This was in common use in publications in 1954, the alleged date
- The special appearance of a "raised z" essentially clinches the point

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**EXAMPLE: MATCH PRESS; THE RAISED "z" ISSUE**

- From April '54, SOM1-01

to keep unauthorized or

- From November 1954 Camera Guide

the synchronizer is removed

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**EXAMPLES: HUNT FOR ANACHRONONISMS**

- "Area 51 was not there in 1954"
- "Why would people be impressed by 'downed satellites' when the first satellite didn't go up until 1957?"

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**EXAMPLE: ETYMOLOGY**

*Four anachronisms seem to add authenticity to the SOM 1-01*

- "First Aid" is now "first aid"
- "screw driver" is now "screwdriver"
- "Kraft tape" is not popular now
- kraft is not now initial caps

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**TWO MANUALS TO COMPARE**

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Slide 44 shows a high clarity comparison of the SOM 1-01 "z" in "unauthorized" and the "z" in an authentic Camera Guide (found by Ryan Wood at the Stanford Library after much hunting) in the word "synchronizer."

There are three "intellectual" techniques (as opposed to "physical") for authentication that apply in our case: looking for anachronisms that might not fit the alleged publication time, looking at the use of language, and comparing with known authentic documents.

In the Manual, there are two potential anachronisms, both of which have been mentioned and are noted on Slide 45. We will deal with each of these objections shortly. Slide 46 shows four examples of subtle changes in the use of language (etymology) that tends to favor the authenticity. In 1954 and earlier, First Aid was written with initial caps, and now it is lower case, changing in the late 50s. Similarly, the two-word "screw driver" was the normal way of describing the tool, but about the time that it came to represent vodka and orange juice, somehow it became one word for both meanings. Finally, Kraft tape was popularly on sale in the early 50s but now is largely replaced by duct or plastic tape. Furthermore, the word "kraft" is no longer capitalized in the dictionary, reflecting the generic use of a strong paper made of sulfate pulp.

The classic authentication process is to compare with known genuine articles, and Slide 47 provides a comparison of the cover pages of our Manual and the Technical Manual™ that included the legitimate example of the raised "z." Comparing with a variety of Army Field manuals of that era, Slide 48 shows the many points of similarity throughout. We have also compared the details of the printing with the instructions provided in the 1953 Style Manual for the USG Printing Office. All details check.

### **So, What are the Objections?**

With such an overwhelming array of points of authenticity, why would anyone think SOM 1-01 not to be genuine? Well, it's OK to be skeptical, because there have been a few examples of fake documents, and we wouldn't want to waste a lot of time and money poring over the details of a hoaxed document. Some skeptics assume that everything is a fake and try to prove it without seriously considering the fact that if there WERE crash recoveries, once would expect there to be something to describe the process. Overall, about twenty objections were raised, of which I have identified five as having some logical merit, and will respond to now. They are shown in Slide 49 and will be dealt with one at a time.

Slide 50 deals with the question of "Where is the document control?" Actually, as Don and I were making copies of the negative, there was one that was so hard to read that Don had not run a copy. When we ran the copy and studied it, there was the document control page! It showed eight entries over nearly three years replacing or removing pages from the document. Each of these actions was accompanied by a time and date typed in, with the authority of either MJ/04 or MJ/01, and the initials either EWL or JRT. Ryan Wood and I have initiated the process of identifying all the JRT and EWL names in the military in 1954 -

## COMPARISON WITH GENUINE DOCUMENTS

For Army field manuals of the era, it has the same:

- Title page format
- Shadowed letters
- Type face
- Paragraph spacing
- Italics on a,b,c...
- Margins
- Detailed format instructions as in USGPO Style Manual
- U.S. Govt. printing features
- General size for some
- One space after period
- Style for references
- Italicized date
- Document no. each page

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## MAIN CONCERNS VOICED ABOUT SOM 1-01

- Where is the document control?
- Satellites not flown until 1957
- Area 51 did not exist in 1954
- Dish radars can not measure shape and size
- RESTRICTED and top secret incompatible

*All of these are dealt with*

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## "WHERE IS THE DOCUMENT CONTROL?"

- Don Berliner and Bob Wood found the frame
  - High quality copying revealed all
  - Eight pages were replaced from 1954-56 by authority of MJ-1 or MJ-4
  - The initials are clear, identifiable
- We are locating the people by initials*

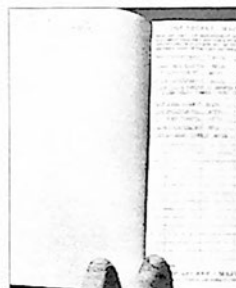
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## HERE IS THE CONTROL PAGE

- "Unit KB-88, Bldg 21" on facing page
- Change pages noted
- Dates noted
- OK'd by either JRT or EWL
- Ryan has identified a few candidate names



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## A SUBTLETY ON "DOWNED SATELLITE"

- Four other choices
  - meteors
  - weather balloons
  - military aircraft
  - toxic spills
- Deceptive statements are not usually true

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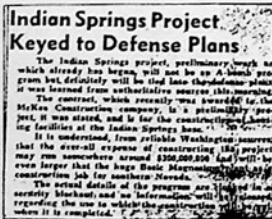
## SATELLITE REFERENCES BEFORE APRIL 1954

- The Flying Saucer Conspiracy, Donald E. Keyhoe, 1953
- The Mars Project, Wernher von Braun, University of Illinois Press, 1953.
- "Astronomy from the Space Station," Whipple, Fred L., Sky and Telescope, April 1953, p. 151.
- "Testing of Relativity Theory with an Artificial Satellite," J. Astronomical Society of the Pacific, February 1954.
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- Colliers references on manned space flight by von Braun, pre-1954
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## "AREA 51 DID NOT EXIST IN 1954"



- January 5, 1951 is the date of the article.
- We have notes from a witness who describes the intense security during that time.

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## LAS VEGAS REVIEW ARTICLE



- Las Vegas paper described a massive construction project in January 1951

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1957 to try to locate the individuals responsible and see if they were willing to have an unclassified discussion about this now unclassified Manual.

In addition (see Slide 5 1), facing the control page is the back of the cover page without a security caveat, but it does have the equivalent of a control, in that it identified "Unit KB 88, Bldg. 21 from Kirtland AFB, N. MEX." This is also significant in that the present abbreviation of New Mexico as NM for address did not occur until much later. In 1954, "N. Mex." was common.

The answers to the "downed satellite" argument are shown on Slides 52 and 53. In the first place, the entire strategy is that of deception—it is even the title of the paragraph! Deceptive statements are not usually true. Furthermore, it was just one of five choices offered to keep nosy people away. The big argument, though, comes from those who say, "Why would anyone be impressed by a known false statement?" Actually, most people were aware of our plans for satellites in April of 1954, as a result of enormous coverage of this new space thinking. Slide 53 shows eight of many references to satellite discussions before this date, including a Time Magazine article just the previous month speculating on whether a satellite had already been covertly launched. So, satellites were on the public's mind and "downed satellites" were a very credible concept.

The third objection raised that warrants discussion is the claim that Area 51 did not exist in 1954, and therefore the Manual must be a fake. Interestingly, early responses to the SOM 1-01 by the Air Force that claimed it to be a fake had the paragraph discussing this issued blacked out, as if it was still so sensitive they didn't want to touch the topic. Actually, there is evidence that this facility was started in 1951, probably for the express purpose of having a good place to send the EBEs recovered. Slide 54 shows the banner of the Las Vegas Review-Journal for January 5, 1951, and the next Slide 55 shows a copy of the accompanying article describing a massive construction project of \$300 million 1951 dollars. This is easily enough money to build this kind of a complex. Furthermore, accompanying the article was the testimony of a local witness of the time who described the large number of construction actions going on at the time.

The fourth challenge was that the description of the vehicles included details on the shapes and lengths with precision not possible with 1950s kind of dish radars. Two of the shapes (cigars, triangles) specifically referred to radar as the source of the size and shape information. I worked on radar returns during my McDonnell Douglas career, so I know something about the subject. Although a dish radar puts out a rather wide angled beam, the returns from the target are quite precise in time (and thus, distance) although angles are poorly estimated. The return from the nose of the object provides the mark at one end, and the last return before the signal drops is the end of the vehicle. Two examples are shown on Slide 56, showing conceptually the "A-scope" signal strength return. If you have several measurements, especially if you do not ignore the obvious visual information, one can make quite good estimates of distances. Furthermore, the critics assume that these

measurements are using ground-based radar. Aircraft had radar, too, and could have measured lengths with great accuracy. There is no reason to doubt the sizes and shapes reported in the Manual.

The final challenge was that the "Restricted" caveat on the cover page is not consistent with the use of Top Secret. Although the classification of Restricted at one time existed and was lower than Confidential, it was eliminated in about 1953. The word "restricted" can have a generic meaning too—access to this information is restricted to those who have both the clearance and the need to know. While this is officially true, the publisher of the Manual clearly thought about making it very clear that this Manual was to be of extremely limited distribution. Examples of the use of restricted together with Top Secret exist, and Slide 58 shows a great example of one: a July 14, 1954 memo from Cutler to Twining changing the meeting arrangements for an MJ-12 Special Studies Project meeting of the National Security Council. This memo came from the National Archives and is one of the few Archival confirmations of the existence of MJ-12. Its classification is "Top Secret Restricted Security Information."

Other critics have shot at the authenticity early and often, but hardly a single critic has ever asked me for a high quality copy of the Manual. Even Don Berliner did not elect to pay for a copy at the time we originally printed the 8 x 10 glossies. Slide 59 lists some of the arguments included in an International UFO Reporter (CUFOS) article in 1996. Most of the explanations are self evident, but the last two deserve a bit of expansion. Critics claim that if the evidence is not available in the archives, that suggests that it does not exist. It is well known that the Archives have a declassification procedure that is charged with not releasing information that would be unfavorable to National Security. It should be evident to anyone that if the Government really wants to keep a secret, they would have no compunction about lying about the existence (or non-existence) of documents. Even "making them disappear" would clearly be expected.

In the history of questioned documents, there is only a trail of evidence pointing to fakery. One cannot prove they are genuine, but one can prove they are fake, using the techniques I outlined earlier. Therefore the onus is on him who claims "fake" to find the evidence for fakery, rather than to say, "You haven't proven them to be authentic." Failing all the tests for fakery is about as close as you can come to proving authenticity.

Other, less careful skeptics have written whole chapters and books on why MJ-12 is a hoax. See, for example, "Case MJ-12" by Kevin D. Randle, who brings forth everything that he can think of that might be favoring fake on every questioned document on this topic. A very careful reading of this book by me yields 159 marginal notes where I either disagreed with his facts or his logic. There was no significant discussion of the Special Operations Manual 1-01 or issues of fakery, a rather significant omission. Scooping up some of the fakery arguments, Slide 60 highlights the concerns and the responses. Not yet mentioned today is the criticism that the Manual states that the information "carries a security level 2



points above that of Top Secret." Two responses: (a) maybe what they mean was that MAJIC was one point and EYES ONLY was the other. Alternatively, there may be a security system within the layers of onions, and in 1954, this was precisely right. Colonel Corso in his book "The Day After Roswell" personally described 14 layers of clearance that he had never heard of before he got them.

One other criticism on Slide 60 is that there is no security control number. This appears to be true, and is a puzzle. The best answer I can offer is one of two: (a) a control number may have been on the back of the cover or some other location not photographed; or (b) the assignment of the Manual by stamp to Unit 88, Bldg. 21, Kirtland AFB makes it the equivalent of a control. In addition, most of the critics assume that the security system being used is that of the Department of Defense. If the CIA printed this, for example, the CIA security procedures would have been those in use. Furthermore, MJ-12 could easily have been given their own authority for security, since security is clearly the predominant focus of every aspect of the program.

All these exposures to claims of fakery have led me to create one summary chart of the eight phony claims of fakery, Slide 61. The only two not touched on so far are "Why would the Government keep ETI life secret?" Slide 62 summarizes the five reasons, ANY ONE OF WHICH would have been enough to justify keeping this secret. Unquestionably, the discovery during WW2 of the Missouri crash would have focused on the technology issues. The development of technical applications would have been very easy to implement using the same procurement strategy we used for analyzing captured enemy aircraft: cover contracts, classified results, apply the technology for ten years in the military, then release it to the public via the normal patent process.

Many people also, say, "OK, but why still keep it secret TODAY?" The answers are in Slide 63. The last point about a "clear and present danger" may require some comment. Only those with deep understanding of the interaction of the alien races with out would know whether we are truly in control or not. "We" meaning our "good guys," whoever they are. It is intuitively clear that if the aliens have begun to significantly influence our processes, it is unlikely to be good for Homo sapiens.

In spite of the excellent arguments, there is a fine set of arguments against continued secrecy, shown in Slide 64.

Nevertheless, I still believe that our Government does have the right to keep the technology secret and to do testing of new systems at covert locations, within the Constitution. If the enforcement techniques are both illegal and unconstitutional, then we should fix that problem.

Wrapping up, having listened for 40 minutes or so to the detailed contents of the Special Operations Manual 1-01, you probably would like to buy a replica of it, available at my table in the back for just five bucks.

### “DISH RADARS DON’T MEASURE SHAPE AND SIZE

- The “A-scope” shows accurate distance
- Varying view angles yield shape
- Airborne radar would have no problem  
*No reason to doubt shape and size*



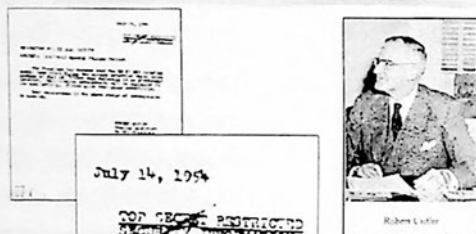
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### “RESTRICTED AND TOP SECRET ARE INCOMPATIBLE”

- DoD rules do not apply to the CIA
- Almost no TS has been declassified
- RESTRICTED appears to be an early application of “special access”
- We have several examples of RESTRICTED with other classifications

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### CUTLER TO TWINING MEMO



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### SOM1-01 AUTHENTICITY: I.U.R., SPRING 1996

“...is a fake for these reasons:

Concern	Explanation
■ “Does not conform to the regulations”	● False: see “restricted” example
■ “Contains inaccurate information”	● Only security system of 1954 counts
■ “Is incomplete”	● 22 exposures of a 32-page document
■ “No provenance for it”	● No secret here; see Berliner letter
■ “Can’t find verification”	● The Government cannot verify classified material
■ “No evidence for validity offered”	● Authentication in progress

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### CONCERNS ABOUT MANUAL AUTHENTICATION

Concern	Response to concern
■ Does not follow standard	● See similar documents; follows style in 1953 USGPO Style Manual with fidelity
■ Warning notice on left rules	● Security level so high, made own rules
■ Not a bound document	● Maybe was a proof copy
■ Security 2 points about TS	● MAJIC, EYES ONLY are “two points”
■ Restricted not used with TS	● Example: Lay to NSC on 17 Mar 53
■ 1954 radars: no shape, size	● Multiple looks in range would do it
■ Downed satellite major error	● Counterintelligence deception not required to be perfect; satellites were in the public mind and media
■ No security control number	● Not applied to a proof copy? This may be why it survived outside of the control system

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### 8 PHONY CLAIMS OF FAKERY

- “Government says they are fake”
- “There is no provenance”
- “Archives cannot locate them”
- “Anything can be faked today”
- “Content is the theme of science fiction”
- “Why would Government keep ETI life secret?”
- “Such secrets would have leaked out”
- “The War Department logo was discontinued”

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### Conclusions

The most important conclusion for my topic is that there have been no credible and specific arguments supporting fakery. Therefore, the alternative is the conclusion that it is almost certainly genuine, based on everything you have seen or read here. If this Manual is genuine, then almost everything the Government has told us about UFOs has been deceptive, although I will concede that so few people know the true story that most of the Government people are sincere in what they say—they just don’t know!

I have two slides of conclusions based on the study of the Manual, other questioned documents and other UFO reports from witnesses. Starting with Slide 66, I conclude that several aliens species have been visiting us for years, and the two EBE Types I and II shown in the Manual are consistent with many other witness reports. There are others that were not in the Manual, from other civilizations, based on forensic language analysis of the work of Dan Young from abductees as well as worldwide occupant reports over the years.

Second, we have had success almost beyond belief in controlling the crash recoveries from becoming widespread accepted public knowledge by the media. Part of this success is probably due to direct media influence, long judged an essential issue. The secrets have been kept in spite of numerous leaks of classified documents, many of which seem to be quite authentic (and have not been proven to be fake using objective analyses), and these leaks have been expected and are controlled. Leaks have probably become less frequent because of the heavy reliance on computer-based security system that result in greater difficulty in siphoning off draft copies.

When I first began to study UFOs, it seemed to me that there was no good reason for the Government not to tell the public what was going on. I thought that the disinformation folks like Quintanilla, Menzel and maybe Hynek were the bad ones who should not have been lying to us all along. Less clear now to me what the right course of action should have been. I still believe that although people do not have the authority just because they take a security oath to commit obvious unconstitutional crimes, that we do have the right to keep this technology to ourselves in a legal manner at secret locations of our choosing. The Manual makes it clear that this is what we have been doing for nearly 50 years. How far have we come? To what extent is our society richer, the way that Harry Truman and Vannevar Bush thought it might be when they decided to proceed with Operation Majestic 12? I do not know.

That leads me to the first point of Slide 67, which is that some of the smartest men of our generations have managed this program, including Vannevar Bush, Oppenheimer, Einstein and the others on the original MJ-12 Committee. They have been replaced with equally smart people as they died off. Speculating on who they are today is beyond the scope of this talk. This program has been so important that it has never lacked for money, as evidence by the \$300 million 1951 dollars to build Area 51 and today's huge black budget, further augmented today by the threat of terrorism. It is evident that we have been clearly attempting to "reverse engineer" these recovered parts and probably still are. That we have been unsuccessful in unimaginable. The only question is what percent of today's technology can be backtracked to those of the UFOs.

Finally, although I think it would make sense if we would end the sham that none of these crashes or abductions have ever happened, I would defend the right for us to conduct Constitutional secret tests of technology and weapons at location of our choosing. However,

if a legitimate arm of the U.S. Government is not controlling this program, we should regain control of it, as is our Constitutional right.

Whether the covert scientists have discovered the secrets of energy and propulsion that the UFOs use is not something I know. I used to think that they had not. Now I am less sure of that. However, I do believe that we may be approaching an understanding of the control of vacuum energy that has the prospect of benefiting all of us.

### WHY KEEP "IT" SECRET?

- To protect the science and technology
- To conceal ignorance
- To cover unconstitutional acts
- To develop the technical applications:
  - Fiber optics
  - Integrated circuits
  - Night vision scopes
  - Kevlar material
- To avoid the unknown religious impact

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### ARGUMENTS FOR SECRECY IN 2003

- Avoid criminal prosecution
- There might indeed be some genuine negative reactions, including financial or political
- Our ability to suppress this from public might cause worry; what else has been kept under wraps?
- We might have a stable standoff with the ETs even though we cannot prevent abductions
- We might be getting a lot of high technology from them, and need it to retain control over bad guys
- The religious backfire might be substantial and it is quite unknown.
- There might still be a "clear and present danger"

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### WHY CONTINUED SECRECY IS PROBABLY A BAD IDEA

- The price of secrecy has been illegal, unethical acts to ensure silence (a "Cosmic Watergate")
- The secret programs are outside our democratic processes, and we pay for them with our taxes
- Courts may not have had an opportunity to review
- With more minds on the problems, we are likely to find more solutions
- No panic — We are already adjusted to ETs
- It is not a secret anyway to those who have been abducted, seen UFOs at close range or are on the project.

*When do we all start to laugh at the emperor's new clothes?*

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### THE REPLICA IS EASY TO READ

- This is the replica of the cover page, matching each main feature
- The footnote imprint says that MJ-12 paid for the printing



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### BOB WOOD CONCLUSIONS 1

- Several alien species have been involved for years
- We have kept the crash recoveries effectively secret using deception
- Secrets can be and are kept well; the leaks are expected and managed
- "Good" and "bad" are not always clear

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### BOB WOOD CONCLUSIONS 2

- Some of the smartest men of our generations managed this program
- The budget is easily buried in the "black"
- Some of our technology may track to UFOs; big question is what percent of it?
- The Federal Government does have the right to conduct Constitutional secret tests of technology and weapons
- Are we near an energy breakthrough?

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# The President and UFOs – Top Secret

Grant Cameron

Before considering the available evidence about crashed saucer material and the White House, it is important to view why the role of the president is so important.

It has long been rumored that the real hard evidence such as crash retrieval materials are in the hands of the military. The president is the civilian head of the military, and thus should be receiving on his desk the best material that has been gathered by the military.

If the critical crash material is not held by the military, but by some agency of the government such as the National Security Agency or CIA, the president should still receive the best available material, as he is the head of the Executive branch that employs most employees of the government.

Most importantly, it is important to view the role of the president in any review of crashed saucer evidence, because the president is the ultimate authority. Only when the president stands up and says, "Some UFOs are not of this world" will the cover-up end. The president's word is final and cannot be overruled. It is therefore important to see what he knows on the subject, or at least what statements or actions he has taken.

Many believe that once elected, the president is suddenly spoken to by God and suddenly knows everything there is about the ultimate UFO evidence such as crashes. This is quite far from the truth. Once sworn in a president is dependant on cabinet officers to present to him any information he might obtain. All the information from the past administration has been removed and the filing cabinets are empty.

An example is President Clinton, who at the time of his 1993 inauguration, was faced with 17,000 classified documents a day being written within the U.S. government. People who think he has time to read these documents, and maintain a 16-hour grueling daily schedule of meetings, briefing, photos, state dinners, and in Bill Clinton's case dating interns, are mislead.

The president's knowledge comes from short briefings he gets from subordinates about things they think are important for him to know. The president's knowledge is therefore dependent on the ability of those below him to gather up the facts for him.

With this as background, the following are some of the stories that look at what the president might have known about the subject of crashed saucers. These few examples I have chosen, are the result of attempts to track down rumored stories, and investigate them with interviews and material from the various presidential libraries.

The following presidential stories show at times the president knows, and at time doesn't know. Summing it all up I would say that the president is told, but that the level of knowledge is not as great as the stories that have been leaked into the UFO community by U.S. intelligence. The aliens are still in control.

I think the evidence shows that the president knows the reality of the phenomena, but realizes that the government has very little control over the situation, especially when it comes to the phenomena of abductions and cattle mutilations. It is this ignorance and lack of control, which has led to a continued cover-up, while officials scramble to get better information about how to deal with these phenomena.

Our knowledge of the White House role and knowledge has been limited by two factors,

1. The lack of records in presidential libraries.
2. The president has only faced the UFO question twice during a news conference in 55 years.

### **Franklin D. Roosevelt**

The only story that I will deal with regarding FDR is a story that is being worked on by CUFOS and the Ohio MUFON people. It involves the longest servicing State Secretary in U.S. history Cordell Hull. Hull won the Nobel Peace Prize for the work he did towards the creation of the United Nations.

He is one of three Nobel Peace Prize winners who have been involved in UFOs. The other two are Jimmy Carter, and former Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson.

Hull's story is this. The daughter of his cousin, Reverend Turner Hamilton Holt, came forward a few years back to tell a story of an incident that had occurred in Washington DC in 1939. According to what the Reverend told the family his cousin Cordell Hull had taken him to the sub-basement of the Capitol building during a visit to Washington. There he viewed 1) Four large glass jars holding 4 creatures and 2) A wrecked round craft of some kind nearby.

No other supporting evidence is yet available, but MUFON Ohio is still working on it.

### **Harry S. Truman**

Harry Truman was, as everyone knows was the president who held the White House at the time of the Roswell crash. Despite the importance of the crash in UFO lore there is very little evidence to be found in White House records to show that Truman had any documented involvement in the handling of the crash.

A display at the Roswell Museum has a display showing a phone call and a meeting with General Hoyt Vandenberg, who is generally acknowledged to be a key player in the Roswell event. The call and meeting were supposed to have occurred on July 9<sup>th</sup>, the day after the Roswell press release on the crash. According to White House records, however, neither occurred. Vandenberg and other possible key Roswell players did meet on July 10<sup>th</sup>, but it was only for 10 minutes and then only for the signing of an Air Force Day proclamation.

The following were present: Honorable W. Stuart Symington, Assistant Secretary of War Lt. General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Acting Deputy Commander, Army Air Forces Major General Lauris Norstad, and General James H. Doolittle.

The White House records, however, might not be all that inclusive. Edwin Easley, for example, is shown in White House records to have never had contact with Truman. In direct contradiction to this is a statement by Easley's daughter who stated her father had promised not to talk after making a promise to the president.

General Roger Ramey is another example of possibly incomplete White House records. White House records show that he never had contact with the president, and yet George Filer of "Filer's Files," stated that Mrs. Ramey had told him during an interview that she and her husband had met Truman and his wife on more than one occasion, and were in fact good friends.

The oral history testimony of Robert Landry, the Air Advisor to President Truman, may also help shed light on why there is no crashed saucer material, or recorded contacts with Roswell participants, in White House files.

Landry told Truman oral historians that he briefed Truman on UFOs *orally* every three months during his tenure (February 1948 — January 1953). He described himself as a go-between to the CIA. As a side light to this, Landry undoubtedly told Truman of the number of radar UFO sightings (described in a second oral history interview) he had while stationed with the 8<sup>th</sup> Army Air Force in Hawaii during World War II.

### **Dwight D. Eisenhower**

As I said previously, the president only knows what is told to him by those around him. He can be cut off from knowledge such as Harry Truman was while vice-president under FDR. During his whole time as vice-president he only met with the president twice, and was therefore out of the loop on almost everything that was going on.

When Truman became president he decided that the next president would not end up as president knowing nothing as he had. He set up a series of briefings to be given to the president-elect that would have him ready to govern when sworn in. This is a practice that continues up to the present.

Truman helped brief Eisenhower on many subjects he would need to govern. One of those briefings is the rumored UFO briefing given to Ike in November 1952. This briefing has become famous because of the MJ-12 document mailed to Jamie Shandera in 1984. As my time is limited and others are talking about this document I will not deal with it.

I will say, however, that I have spent a lot of time in the past couple months looking at the concept of "If presidents get UFO briefing and what they are told." I will discuss later other examples which show the importance of such briefings.

Now to perhaps the most well known of the presidential UFO stories. This story is the visit of Eisenhower to Palm Springs in February 1954. It was during that visit that the press discovered Ike had disappeared. Panic broke out and one reporter almost got a story on the wire stating that Ike had died of a heart attack.

Ike's press secretary James Hagerty gained control of the situation saying Ike was at the dentist after having broken a cap eating chicken. Ike reappeared the next morning at church and all was forgotten.

All of the 1950s stories state that Ike had gone to nearby Edwards Air Force Base, and there met with aliens who landed at the base. Ike met with the aliens, heard their message, and thereby decided the world was not ready for this type of information. The story further states it was at this point Ike ordered the real cover-up to start.

In the late 70s and early 80s, when dead aliens became the rage, the story of Ike's visit to Edwards turned into a visit to see dead alien bodies. Although no 1950 story mentions dead aliens there is actually some evidence to indicate that he may in fact have gone to Edwards to see alien bodies.

A month before Ike made his trip to Palm Springs, the APRO Bulletin published a headline story which stated "A.F. Men Examine UFO: Object Found Near California Oregon Border." Prominent radio commentator Frank Edwards, who broke the story, stated that the object had been moved to a "West Coast U.S. airfield."

An interesting sidelight to this story is the fact that one of the air force men reported to be going to the airfield to investigate the object was none other than J. Allen Hynek.

Finally, related to Eisenhower, is the testimony of Brigadier General Steven Lovekin who stated that he had been shown small UFO wreckage pieces, and that Ike was fully aware of the facts. Lovekin had served with the White House Army Signal Corps. In a conversation with me Lovekin stated that Eisenhower knew what was going on and that Lovekin himself had witnessed Eisenhower talking about UFOs while at Camp David.

### **Lyndon B. Johnson**

During a recent visit to the Lyndon Johnson library in Austin Texas, I spend a week looking at the UFO connection to the 1965 power blackout in the northeast, and the role of the Johnson White House in the crash of an object in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania.

Based on information supplied by Kecksburg expert Stan Gordon and researcher Leslie Kean I was looking for information that would support stories, which showed the involvement of such groups as NASA (who have now agreed to turn over 3 dozen pages of documents they have always claimed they don't have) and the Office of Emergency Planning at the crash site.



My library research involved checking the president's movements and contacts between him and his top advisors with the information Stan Gordon had collected related to the crash.

At the time of Kecksburg crash President Johnson was at his White House ranch in Austin, Texas. A careful review of the evidence showed some interesting parallels to what Gordon had discovered about groups reported at the crash scene. These included:

- James Webb, the head of NASA arrived at the ranch at 9:50 the morning after the crash.
- All members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff arrived the morning after the crash.
- The Governor of Pennsylvania arrived at the ranch in afternoon.

On Sunday night, three days after the crash Johnson arrived back at the White House. The next afternoon, Johnson met off the record with Buford Ellington. Ellington was the head of the Office of Emergency Planning, which is inside the Executive Office of the President. This was one of the groups that appeared to have been involved in the Kecksburg crash.

One of the key people under Lionel Ellington was USAF Col. J. Leo Bourassa. He headed up the "Special Facilities Division" within the Office of Emergency Planning. He is the person mentioned in the Blue Book file dealing with the Kecksburg crash.

While at the Johnson library I was looking for files on Bourassa and on the "Special facilities Division" to see how it fit into the Kecksburg crash. What I learned about Bourassa while at the library is that he had also been heavily involved in the 1965 blackout of New York City. In fact, he wrote a report to Ellington detailing his findings. Bourassa's findings hinted at the possible role of UFOs in the blackout.

From the November 23, 1965 Bourassa report we read,

The lack of specific information at the time, plus the state of confusion that existed in the Northeast U.S., the fact that sabotage, enemy action, and unknown phenomena were all considered possibilities...

It was not until I got home that I figured out who J. Leo Bourassa was, and why this might be significant to his involvement in the Kecksburg crash. It turns out that Bourassa was the head of Mount Weather, the nuclear attack proof bunker outside Washington D.C., where the president and top government leaders are taken in case of nuclear attack.

In fact, on September 11 when the Trade Towers were hit, the top 15 government leaders were rounded up by the secret service and taken there, while Cheney directed things in the bunker under the White House.

Bourassa, who at Mount Weather had instant access to the Joint Chiefs of Staff Command center, all the military services, fire departments, NORAD, and other key

agencies, was involved in the Kecksburg recovery and may actually have been directing the proper units to the site behind the scenes.

Aerial photographs of Mount Weather show the presidential heliport where the president is dropped off. The tower that directs in the president's flight is known as "bluegrass tower." In the Kecksburg Blue Book file right after J. Leo Bourassa's name you will find (Code blue grass). Another connection to the code "bluegrass" is a paranormal CIA project started in 1955, which I haven't confirmed yet.

Another person who adds evidence for this role of Mount Weather in UFOs was Brigadier-General Steven Lovekin who testified for the Briefings held by CSETI for Congressmen and others in April 1997. He stated,

I was fortunate enough to travel around Washington DC area, and I was fortunate enough to speak to one individual who was a government employee. He was not military. I only knew him as Frank, and I first met him at Mount Weather Virginia, Winchester, which is the place many of you might know where the president in case of attack. He told me at that time, the first time that I saw him, because he knew I was interested in this subject matter, that this place also had facilities to track these UFOs.

Finally, I should mention a final note on the Special Facilities Division. In a 1996 story former USAF physicist Robert Collins posted a chart and a letter to the Internet following the release of "Independence Day." As a part of that posting, Collins made the following interesting comment.

The following has been uncovered over the years of research. MJ-12 had a "cover" under which it operated and that cover was reportedly "The Office of Emergency Preparedness, Special Facilities Division."

I followed up on this possible role of the Special Facilities Division in the crash at Kecksburg during a recent trip to the National Archives in Washington but was unable to come up with a single piece of paper on the unit after reviewing almost every box of files from the Office of Emergency Planning.

### **Richard Nixon**

The only Nixon story I wish to deal with in this presentation is the story about President Nixon giving Jackie Gleason access to dead alien bodies. Three separate people claim to have been told the story by Nixon. (Bill Knell, Larry Warren and Beverly Gleason)

The key witness of the three was Beverly Gleason, the second wife of the comedy superstar. We have proof that she wrote a version of the story for the National Enquirer in 1983 four years before Gleason's death. It was a story that Beverly said made Jackie very angry.

The gist of the story is that Gleason was friends with Nixon. He lived in Miami, Florida near Nixon's southern White House at Key Biscayne. Gleason saw the bodies late one night at Homestead Air Force Base in 1973, which was close to both men's homes. It was also the base where Nixon flew in on his 92 trips to the southern White House.

There is very little supporting evidence other than what Beverly Gleason and the other two witnesses claimed Gleason told them about the event. In only the last few months Mrs. Gleason has reconfirmed the story she told so many years ago as being true.

### Gerald Ford

Gerald Ford as most people know was involved in the big flap of UFO sightings in Michigan in the mid-sixties. He helped to initiate a congressional look at the UFO problem.

The only things I wish to bring up about Ford is to play a clip which shows how quickly and dramatically opinions can change once a person enters the White House. Listen to him talk about UFOs before he became president. From the March 26, 1966 "Face The Nation" show the following question and answer.

**Q:** Mr. Ford, what about flying saucers? We've had some in Michigan in the past week. Do you really believe in flying saucers - you've called for a congressional investigation?

**Ford:** Dave, we've had several incidents in Michigan in the last week - incidents that many reliable good citizens felt were sufficient to justify some action by our government and not the kind of flippant answer given by the Air Force where they passed it off as some "swamp gas."

And in addition there are other incidents that happen from time to time - reported by people who I think are basically fully sincere and honest. It seems to me that this mystery which has been around the country with all these various sightings does require that the congress take a good look at it. They should bring up these witnesses from the Air Force and NASA - have them interrogated by the members of a House of Senate committee. Let them put their records on the line, and let the people who have seen these unidentified flying objects come and testify. I think the American people would be more assured that there were, or were not, if an effective public hearing were held."

Ford did nothing on the UFO front once he became president or after. It naturally leads to the question of whether there is a big briefing given which changes all presidents' minds about releasing confirming evidence of UFOs.

## Jimmy Carter

It has always been questioned whether Jimmy Carter was told much about had evidence such as crashed saucers because he had run his campaign against the Washington insiders. He also got into trouble a couple of times with the U.S. military such as when he cut the defense budget, cancelled the B-1 bomber, leaked the stealth fighter secret.

The evidence now seems to indicate Carter was told and may actually have been told about the crashed saucers.

Now, as background for those of you who did not know Jimmy Carter had seen a UFO, here is his version of the event. He has spoken of this sighting more times than he lusted after women.

There were about 20 of us standing outside of a little restaurant, I believe, or high school lunch room and a kind of green light appeared in the western sky. This was right after sundown. It got brighter and brighter, and eventually it disappeared. It didn't have a solid substance to it. It was just a very peculiar looking light. None of us could understand what it was. I never made fun of other people who have seen things of that kind...

This admission of a sighting, and a promise Carter made during the campaign to release all UFO information, led to a deluge of 9,000 UFO letters into the White House on UFOs. Here is a picture from within the Carter archives showing the letters.

What most people don't know about the Carter promise is that there was an exception, which I believe relates directly to the crashed saucer subject being discussed here today. Carter made an exception saying he would not release UFO records with national security implications. Here is what he said,

I don't believe in keeping information like that secret, but there may be some aspects of the UFO information, with which I am not familiar which might be related to some secret experiments that we were doing that involve national security — a new weapons system. I surely wouldn't release that, but if it was something removed from our national security, then I as president would go ahead and release it. I see nothing wrong with that.

In a related story, we have the story of the George Bush UFO briefing of President-elect Carter. According to Marcia Smith, a researcher at the Library of Congress, when Carter asked for the files, then CIA Director Bush said Carter did not have the need to know — that being president was not sufficient "need to know." He would have to go to Congress and get the requested UFO documents declassified. The incident and the constant rumors about George H.W. Bush's involvement in UFOs led me to make Bush a part of my "UFO Most Wanted" deck.

An even more important story comes from prominent civil rights attorney Daniel Sheehan. He was called in by Marcia Smith as a consultant on two studies she was

preparing for President Jimmy Carter. One study was on UFOs, and the second was on extraterrestrial intelligence. Sheehan is famous for his legal work on the Pentagon papers, the Karen Silkwood case, Iran-Contra, and several other important cases.

Sheehan's story is that he had gained access to the classified Blue Book files, through the efforts of Marcia Smith. In a vault in the basement of the Madison Building in Washington, D.C., Sheehan found pictures of a crashed flying saucer. This is information that he reported back to Smith. Smith, in turn, would have undoubtedly have related this discovery to the president in her study. Here is Sheehan's account

Back in 1977 when I was asked to participate as a special consultant to the Library of Congress Research Group analysis for President Carter, I was given access to The Project Blue Book files – the classified sections of them in preparation for a seminar I was asked to present to the top 50 scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California in the SETI program.(on the religious implications of extraterrestrial contact) In that context I was allowed to review the classified second of the Blue Book project. In that section I came across absolutely clear pictures, photographs of a UFO that was on the ground. It had apparently crashed and it was stuck in the side of an embankment. There was snow all around in the photograph, and there were United States Air Force personnel in the photograph measuring this particular craft. There were photographs of them. You could see in a number of these photographs. There were actually close up photos of different perspectives of the vehicle. They actually had insignia on the side of the vehicle. They had taken close-up pictures of these. So when I saw this in the context that I had been allowed in this room downstairs in the new building of the Library of Congress. It hadn't even been opened yet. This was a new building. They had a big special room downstairs. There were Air Force guards at the door. When I actually saw these photographs in the files, I said, "Well now that I have seen this, and I know that the United States Air Force has these photographs – that they've got this vehicle. They've obviously got it. Here are the photographs.

Further evidence that Carter was briefed and told of UFOs and crashed saucers come from a leaked document that was put out by Bill Moore in the late 1980s. It purports to be notes related to a UFO briefing given to Carter on June 14, 1977. As this is a very complex issue, and this is a very short lecture I will leave out discussion of it. It is one of a series of UFO briefing rumors I am working on.

The most important evidence that Jimmy Carter may have been told of crashed saucers, and chose not to release it, comes from a 1995 interview with Shirley MacLaine on the Larry King show. In a call-in question, Florida UFO researcher Art Greenfield asked about a claim that was made a couple weeks before by actor Nicholas Cage. In that claim Shirley MacLaine had told him that Jimmy Carter had been shown a crashed saucer and

bodies. Here is the question and Shirley MacLaine's reply. Keep in mind that Nicholas Cage stands by his claim.

**Larry King:** "Cocoa Florida with Shirley MacLaine, hello.

**Art Greenfield:** "Hello, Good evening Larry and Shirley, About two weeks ago, Nicholas Cage was on the Letterman Show and said Shirley had told him that President Carter had told her he had seen recovered alien spacecraft and aliens in a hanger. Can you tell me exactly what President Carter said?"

**Shirley MacLaine:** "He didn't tell me that, but he told me many times that when I first wrote "Out On A Limb" that he would support me, that it was true, that there were crafts, that he believed there were occupants, why should we be the only people in the universe. He wanted to shine the sunshine laws on intelligence, to expose it, to see how the people would react, but he didn't and wouldn't and couldn't as he explained to me."

## **Ronald Reagan**

Ronald Reagan was a president who was interested in the paranormal. Any number of stories could be told about his comments on the White House ghost, or the fact that he claimed his father spoke to him during his funeral. The Reagan White House actually had people hired to keep Reagan away from school children asking questions after speeches because, as Marlin Fitzwater said, "The goddamnest things would come out of his mouth." Reagan had two UFO sightings.

There are a couple quick crashed saucer related stories that I would like to share. The first centers on the visit of Steven Spielberg to the White House in June 1982 to screen ET - The Extraterrestrial to Reagan and 36 other people.

The story of ET is actually the fictionalized version of the live alien story that has been circulated by U.S. intelligence inside the UFO community many times over the last 55 years. As the story goes a live alien was recovered from a crash in the late 1940s, and it died in captivity in 1952.

Reagan sat beside Spielberg during the screening. According to the story that Spielberg told to film producer Jamie Shandera near the end of the screening Reagan leaned over to Spielberg and stated, "I bet there aren't six people in this whole room who know how true this all is." Spielberg was shocked by the statement but was unable to get future details from the president as Reagan left for bed as soon as it was over.

A couple months after seeing ET - The Extraterrestrial - President Reagan made an appearance at the old Roswell Army Air Base. There in front of the west hanger where the bodies and craft parts from the Roswell crash were rumored to have been held for a short period before being shipped to WPAFB, Reagan made a campaign speech for Senator

Harrison Schmitt then running for re-election. In case you are wondering, Reagan did mention ET in the speech.

As a side note to this Vice President Dick Cheney also showed up at the Roswell base to make a speech in 1992. Cheney has long been rumored to be an inside player on the critical information such as crashed saucers, so I have put him in my "UFO Most Wanted" deck as the King of Clubs.

Another Reagan story is the involvement and knowledge of Frank Carlucci, a key person in the military industrial complex, and Reagan's former national security advisor. One of Steve Greer's disclosure witnesses tells of Carlucci being a key figure in a Top Secret air show at Norton Air Force Base in 1988, where an alien reproduction vehicle was shown off.

Carlucci is also in my "UFO Most Wanted" deck, holding one of the highest cards.

Finally on Reagan, let me quickly discuss the role of your present Secretary of State Colin Powell. Powell was Reagan's last National Security advisor. He told presidential historian Lou Cannon that one of his roles in the Reagan White House was to keep the alien references out of Reagan's speeches. He stated he worked hard to keep the alien invasion remarks out lest people think there actually was an alien invasion.

Powell stated that whenever Reagan brought up aliens in meetings, he would roll his keys and whisper to his colleagues "Here comes the little green men again."

Powell stated further that the concept of Star Wars was an idea that Reagan got from the 1951 movie "The Day the Earth Stood Still." Now billions are being spent on the idea.

## **Bill Clinton**

Clinton, like Jimmy Carter, had problems with the military. He, like Jimmy Carter, had also run as a Washington outsider against the Washington insiders. He referred to them as the "F\*\*\*king Washington crowd"

He should, therefore, not have been surprised when the Washington insiders, who told the UFO secrets, chose not to play ball with Clinton.

Clinton did many things, which upset the military such appearing to dodge the Vietnam War, and making a promise to put gays in the military.

It was these kind of things that have led to the idea that Clinton may have been cut out of the UFO situation. One of the stories that has been told to support this idea is a story told by Dr. Steven Greer about the late White House reporter Sarah McClendon, and her question to Clinton about UFOs. Here is what Greer said on the Art Bell show.

You know Bill Clinton leaned over and told Sarah McClendon, who hosted us at the National Press Club on May 9th - this is a story I haven't told, and I'm going to tell you now. She told me this. Bill Clinton leaned over to her and said, because she brought up this issue to Bill Clinton saying, "Why don't you

do something about what Dr. Greer and this group are trying to do?" He bent over and he said, "Sarah, there's a secret government within the government, and I don't control it."

What I wish to discuss today about the Clinton presidency is the Clinton connection to the Roswell story. The Clinton Roswell crash story started just after Clinton entered the White House in 1993. Billionaire Laurance Rockefeller had seen a documentary on Roswell. He was amazed by what he saw. He decided it was time to go to the president and get him to declassify all UFO files, despite warnings from researchers such as Bud Hopkins who were telling him this is not how it worked.

Rockefeller's presidential effort was cut off at the pass by Bill Clinton's science advisor Dr. Jack Gibbons, a self acclaimed UFO skeptic. Gibbons handled Rockefeller's questions and concerns related to declassifying the UFO files from 1993 to 1996.

Gibbons told Rockefeller that the request to declassify all UFO files would be impossible if the cover-up was as widespread as Rockefeller was claiming. Gibbons proposed taking one case and trying to get it declassified. They would then have a pattern to follow.

Rockefeller thought about it, and said that this one case idea would be fine. He was choosing the Roswell case. Thus began a move to get the facts on Roswell. The USAF started their study on what really happened in 1947.

Bill and Hillary Clinton are most well known for their interest in UFOs, and their efforts to get to the bottom of the Roswell crash. Looking back at the 1,000 pages of UFO material that was released to me by the Clinton White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, it appears that Hillary may have been dealing with the UFO issue for the president.

The OSTP files reveal that much of the Rockefeller effort to declassify the Roswell case was being passed through Hillary Clinton's office in the West Wing of the White House.

In a November 1, 1995 letter from Rockefeller's lawyer Henry Diamond to Dr. Gibbons, Diamond discussed a draft letter to the president on UFO disclosure that he felt it was now time for the president to see. Further Diamond talked about how Mrs. Clinton and her staff had been helping Laurance Rockefeller to edit the UFO letter to the president.

In a second letter written by Laurance Rockefeller to Dr. Gibbons, Rockefeller stated, "You indicated that you will keep the First Lady's office informed and we shall as well."

As I have said President Clinton was very interested in the Roswell crash case. It was even known that he had a book on Roswell in his private library. Some of his top officials, however, claimed to be ignorant of Roswell. One such official was Anthony Lake who was speechless when asked a question about Roswell on the Diane Rehm Washington DC talk show. Diane Rehm was forced to go to commercial to bail him out.

In a second appearance on the show Lake talked about Roswell. He made the claim that he as National Security Advisor to the president was "out of the loop."



Just one minute. I would like to thank you for saving, if not my life at least some embarrassment when I once did this (show). I think it was the second caller who called in and asked me about Roswell Air Base, and there was this stunned blank look on my face. I had no idea what he was talking about. You said very generously "It's time to take a break." Over the break you explained to me that we might or might not be keeping an alien at Roswell Air Force Base. I had never before been let into this conspiracy, even as National Security advisor, so I didn't know what to say. I tried to prove a negative afterwards that there is no alien being held there. What I should have said is that in fact the alien does not look anything like the alien in Independence Day – the movie. Anyway I want to thank you for stepping in.

Anyway, in response to the push by the White House the USAF Headquarters released their report on the Roswell crash in late 1995. It was titled "The Roswell Report: Fact vs. Fiction in the New Mexico Desert." It concluded that there was nothing to the alien spaceship theory.

President Clinton was not amused. In a speech on November 30, 1995 he answered back to the USAF. It was a speech given in Belfast Northern Ireland in front of 80,000 people, and I can assure you after a couple weeks at the Reagan Library studying how presidential speeches are put together, the reference to Roswell was intentional. Nothing gets in a presidential speech that is not there for a specific reason.

There had been a letter writing competition in Northern Ireland. School children wrote letters to the visiting U.S. president and the two winning letter writers were on the stage with Clinton during his speech. Neither of their letters, however, was read. Instead, Clinton answered a letter from Ryan who was asking about Roswell. This is what Clinton stated,

I got a letter from 13-year-old Ryan from Belfast. Now, Ryan, if you're out in the crowd tonight, here's the answer to your question. No, as far as I know, an alien spacecraft did not crash in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947.

A couple days following this speech the Air Force published a news story on the release of the USAF Roswell report. They quoted the above Clinton statement stating that he had therefore agreed with the USAF conclusion. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

As with any argument, it is only as strong as the facts one wishes to leave out. Here is the very next line of what Clinton said in the speech. It was a clear shot across the bow of the Air Force stating that he wanted more answers.

And, Ryan, if the United States Air Force did recover alien bodies, they didn't tell me about it, either, and I want to know.

So in 1997, the USAF decided to screw the president with yet another Roswell report, this one called "The Roswell Report: Case Closed." Answering the president's order that he wanted to know about the bodies, the Air Force spent much of the report dreaming up the

bizarre notion that dummies dropped in 1953 explained why people in 1947 were reporting bodies in connection with the Roswell crash.

### **George W. Bush**

My final story is a key story dealing with the role in the inside workings of the UFO story as it applies to Vice President Dick Cheney. Cheney has held many key government positions, has been tied into the military industrial complex for years, and has been the focal point of many stories dealing with Area 51 and crashed saucers.

In April 2001, just after entering the White House I had a chance to question Cheney on UFOs. He was on the Diane Rehm talk show announcing that the U.S. had just recovered a plane from China that they Chinese had shot down claiming to be a spy plane. Cheney was in a victorious mood, until the questions started. I was first up with the UFO question and all the rest of the questions were on Halliburton. I don't think he has appeared on an open-line talk show since.

The question I asked him was the key question of briefings. Because of his background I wanted to know if he had been involved in anything official dealing with the UFO subject, defined by the question of whether anyone had every walked in his office and given him a briefing. The Q&A went as follows,

**Question:** Good morning. Mr. Cheney, I have a question. Since a statement made by George Bush last July there has been a vicious rumor in the UFO community that you have been "read-in" to the UFO program. My question to you is, in any of your government jobs have you ever been briefed on the subject of UFOs, and if you have when was it and what were you told?

**Cheney:** Well, if I had been briefed on that, I am sure it would have been classified, and I couldn't talk about it.

**Host question:** Is there an investigation going on within this administration Mr. Vice President with regards to UFOs?

**Cheney:** Um...I have not come across the subject since I've been back - I guess it's January 20<sup>th</sup>. I've been in a lot of meetings but I don't recall one on UFOs.

Cheney has always been considered to be a smart man, but he slipped up on this answer. This is probably because he was not expecting the question.

The government has always stated that all UFO material has been released, and there is no cover-up. Cheney however clearly stated that the subject was "probably classified." If it is classified, there are documents. If there are documents the government has not released them, and we have been lied to. There is a cover-up.

I hope my presidential tales have added to your knowledge of what is going on. Thanks for listening.

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# Resolving The "Emulation" In Directives Between General Twining And General Wedemeyer of July 9, 1947

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## Authentication Problem Statement

Each "Directive to Lieutenant General Twining" dated 8 & 9 July 1947 signed by Eisenhower and dated 9 July 1947 signed by Truman; requests that Twining proceed to White Sands and make appraisal of "unidentified objects being kept there". The substantially similar content and format to that of another directive to lieutenant general Wedemeyer found in both the National Archives and the Truman Presidential Library suggest fakery i.e. a document that is not authentic or genuine.

More disturbing is the identical approval signatures between both the Directive to Twining and a memo to Connellyii dated July 9, 1947 published in 1958 book called Wedemeyer Reports.

The challenge is to answer the questions of how and why these directives are similar and the signatures appear to be identical.

## Content Hypotheses: Emulation or Boilerplate?

1. A faker created both Truman and Eisenhower versions of the directives to Twining from copying from a known authentic directive to Wedemeyer.
2. The Twining directiveiii is genuine because it is a normal example of common military boilerplate. Directives are written routinely and must include much of the same stereotypical and formulaic language: who is going where, to do what, and given what resources and objectives.
3. The directives were both drafted in Marshall's office and sent to the President for signature together. This could explain both the similar language and identical signatures.

## Identical Signature Hypotheses: Photocopy or Pantograph?

1. A faker might have copied the signature from the book "Wedemeyer Reports" and applied it the Directive to Twining, presumably to improve its authenticity or believability. Furthermore, the content was emulated and signatures were copied.
2. The Twining Directive is genuine and the author of Wedemeyer Reports book in preparing the manuscript, presumably to improve salability and

impact, chose to copy Truman's approval signature and date from other directives that Wedemeyer, book editors or publishers had access to.

3. Both directive signatures are legitimate and a pantograph was used. This explains the identical dates and signature.

### Facts in Evidence

1. From the National Archives in College Park there is a note attached to the directive by Hutchin to General Carter dated 11, July 1947<sup>iv</sup>. The memo states "1. Here are two copies of the directives to General Wedemeyer and signed by the president which are for your use and file. 2. General Wedemeyer would like very much to be able to retain the original. Unless you feel rather strongly about the matter... I will include it in his files which we take to China." So the original goes to China.
2. From the Confidential files of the White House Central Files at the Truman Presidential Library comes a copy of the Wedemeyer directive<sup>v</sup> with a typed note at the top and bottom that states: "Original signed and returned to the Sec. Of State 7/9/47, elb" and bottom extreme left typed "Approved Harry S. Truman July 9. 1947. This Top Secret memo was declassified on January 15, 1976.
3. We know that "elb" at least typed the annotations to the memo and sent it back to Sec. of State. Therefore, the directive could have been typed in Marshall's office or the White House then annotated and returned to Secretary of state.
4. On Sunday, July 6 and completed Monday July 7, 1947 J.C. Vincent (FE:JVCincent:bar/hst) either types or annotates the Directive to Wedemeyer, a telegram to MacArthur and a Memorandum for the President<sup>vi</sup>.
5. On Monday, July 7, 1947 at 12:45 PM through lunch and until 3:00 PM Secretary of State, Marshall meets with the President. Source: Truman Library meeting calendars.
6. On Friday, July 4 or 11th, 1947 the note is undated, General Marshall writes a note to the President<sup>vii</sup> "My dear Mr. President: I wanted to take up the attached with you at the cabinet meeting but had to leave. If you approve the wording, giving Wedemeyer the rank as ambassador and selection of mission I would regard (in view of evident leak pending) immediate release. OK HST signed Marshall". Source: Truman Library.
7. On Tuesday, July 8, 1947, Marshall writes to the president, "I do not think there should be any publicity on this until the day before Wedemeyer's

departure – unless a leak forces our hand. I am drafting a press release for the White House.” Source: Truman Library

8. On Tuesday, July 8, 1947, Marshall writes a memo<sup>viii</sup> for the President about Wedemeyer’s mission to china and attaches a draft of the directive and states: The Secretaries of War and Navy concur.”
9. Both the wording and format of the Twining and Wedeymer directives are not identical yet they are similar. Table 1 shows gross statistical comparison.

**Table 1: Statistical Comparison of Directives**

Attribute	Twining Directives of July 8 & 9	Wedemeyer Directive
Classification	TS Eyes Only	Top Secret
Origin	Leaked - Salina	HST Library & NARA
Identical Signature	Approved Truman July 9.1947	No – Multiple types
No of Paragraphs	4	4
No of sentences	8	8
No of words	206	283

Six known versions of the final Wedemeyer Directive exist between the Truman Presidential Library and NARA at College Park Maryland, seven if you include the original draft Memorandum for the secretary of state dated July 2, 1947.<sup>ix</sup> Together they differ in language, typist, typewriter, annotations, format and signatures yet all are authentic. See Table 2.

**Table 2: Comparison of Six Copies of Wedemeyer Directive to China**

Attribute	A	B	C	D	E	F
Source	HST-Lib	NARA	NARA	NARA	NARA	NARA
Original	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Carbon	Y	Y	N	Of C	Y	Of C
Language Edits	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Approved HST-left	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Approved HST - Right	N		Y	Y	Y	Y
Dated 9 July	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dated 6 July	N	Y	N	N	N	Y
Annotated	Y	N	Y	N	N	N
Mixed Typing	Y	N	Y	N	N	N
Typist Initials	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Initialed	N	Y	N	N	N	N

Handwriting	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Filing label	N	N	Y	N	N	Y
Security Stamp	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y

### Identical Phrases Analysis

Below is a listing of phrases that are in common between the two directives; no unique or specialized wording is present that would lead to the conclusion that this is nothing more than standard military boilerplate.

- "You will proceed to (blank) without delay for the purposes of making an appraisal of the" (blank). "In the course of your survey you will maintain liaison with" (blank).
- "In making your appraisal it is desired that you proceed with detachment from any" (blank).
- "In presenting the findings of your mission you should endeavor to state as concisely as possible your estimate of the character, extent, and probable consequences of" (blank).
- "When your mission in" (blank) "is completed you will proceed on a brief trip to" (blank) "to make an appraisal of the situation there" (blank). This phrase is interesting in that a comma after "there," is used in the Twining directive and not in the Wedemeyer. Would a faker add a comma?
- "Before going to" (blank) "you will communicate with" (blank) "to ascertain whether he desires you to proceed via" (blank)
- "You will take with you such experts," (blank) "and assistants as you deem necessary to the effectiveness of your mission."

Grammar errors are consistent in both documents indicative of the same writer especially because the directives are more than just "fill in the blank" sentences. Besides the laconic type grammar style of both directives, "In making your appraisal," (comma) or "is completed," (comma) there are other subtle corrections. In the Twining directive "make an appraisal of the situation there," (comma) whereas the Wedemeyer directive says, "make appraisal of the situation there". Notice the proper, yet subtle deletion of a whole phrase that appears in the Wedemeyer directive but not in the Twining, form paragraph two, "and the probable consequences of the assistance, which you may recommend." One should note the possibility that this might be the work of a smart secretary that is translating her shorthand to the typewriter.

### Difference Phrase Analysis (Twining first then Wedemeyer)

- Directive title line left justified on Twining and centered on Wedemeyer. Why would a faker not keep it identical?
- Note the 201140 number that is printed in the upper right of the Twining directive. This furthermore follows the format of other pages of the White Hot Report suggesting linkage. [http://209.132.68.98/documents/pdf/twining\\_whitehotreport.pdf](http://209.132.68.98/documents/pdf/twining_whitehotreport.pdf)
- "...White Sands Proving Ground Command Center" vs. "...China"
- "...reported unidentified flying objects being kept there." vs. "...political, economic, psychological and military situations – current and projected."
- "In the course of your survey you will maintain liaison with American diplomatic and military officials in the area. In your discussions with Chinese...". There are no matching sentences in the Twining Directive. Is this a sign of genuineness or fakery? How do you decide?
- "...opinions or feeling expressed by personnel involved which do not conform to sound reasoning with regard to the possible outcome" vs. "...feeling of prior obligation to support or to further official Chinese programs that do not conform to sound American policy with regard to China".
- "When your mission to New Mexico..." vs. "China" and "Sandia AEC" vs. "Korea."
- "Such experts, technicians, scientists and assistants" vs. "experts, advisors and assistants"

### Concerns About Authenticity Raised by Friedman and Others

1. *The fact that the Twining directive says, "when your mission in New Mexico is completed you will proceed on a brief trip to Sandia AEC facility" yet Sandia is in New Mexico, why mention it specifically? The comment seems out of place.*

Response: Elsewhere in the leaked documents we learn that Sandia AEC is where the core of the "neutronic powerplant" was taken for initial safekeeping after the crash at LZ-2. That key strategic element of the New Mexico crashes would well be worth visiting and mentioning. The Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit document<sup>x</sup> page four states, "On 8 July, Twining visited Kirtland AAF to inspect parts recovered from the powerplant." Sandia AEC headquarters were right there at Kirtland AAF in 1947.

2. *How could identical language show up in a directive for Twining, given that according to Wedeymer Reports book that Wedemeyer prepared the directive himself.*

Response: Wedemeyer may not have prepared the final directive himself granted he did write an early draft, which is in the attachments of this paper, but there is no direct evidence that he wrote the final directive. Furthermore, it is believable that Marshall may have dictated both directives to a secretary who then typed it, but surely, it is unlikely that he typed it himself. Given the secretarial annotations on the original directives in the Truman Archives, it is clear that the President signed the directives and sent them back to Marshall. The Marshall Library should have the original. However, does it?

3. *Would a directive about Twining been signed after he had already left, since his flight logs show that he flew to New Mexico from July 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>.*

Response: On July 4, Marshall and the President knew about the New Mexico crash events. Marshall had decided on or before July 1, as evidenced in his July 2, memo, to send Wedemeyer on a trip to China. Twining was likely informed over the weekend and he pulled together his team for the trip to New Mexico. The memo of 8 July 1947, from Eisenhower<sup>xi</sup> and July 9, 1947 for Truman Attachment B were created during Twining's mission to ensure cooperation with multiple agencies that he might have to deal with as well as to complete the bureaucratic military process of having directives for important missions.

4. *The Eisenhower directive to Twining of 8 July 1947 is claimed to have a suspicious, non-standard distribution list.*

Response: Investigations in the Eisenhower library show that such a distribution list is normal and believable.

5. *According to Dr. Bland at the Marshall Archives, Marshall did not write any "boilerplate" memos hence Marshall would not have made both the Twining and Wedemeyer directives so similar.*

Response: This concern does not discriminate the genuineness of the memos. Furthermore, I am not sure that Dr. Bland fully understood the issues. Additional opinion is being requested.

6. *How could Twining based in Dayton, Ohio have access to Wedemeyer (based in Baltimore) or the reverse? Especially when Wedemeyer stated that he had written his own directive for China.*

Response: Could it be that both directives were typed together at possibly the White House, or did Wedemeyer on his way to China stop off in New Mexico to see Twining?



7. *According to the 8 July 1947 memo, Dwight Eisenhower directs Twining to "communicate with General Eisenhower to ascertain whether he desires you to proceed via Kirtland AAF." (Which is now collocated with Sandia also in New Mexico) Skeptics speculate that this language is extremely improbable as signatories rarely refer to themselves in such a manner. Ike would have said, "call me when you get done" or words to that effect.*

Response: Other examples prove otherwise.

### Open Research Issues That Will Help Resolve The Debate

1. Find the original manuscript for Wedemeyer Reports book and review its development. Determine if the "memo to Connelly" document shown is original or not. Which memo came first, who copied whom?
2. Find other examples from the authentic historical records that show similarly worded directives.
3. Find other examples from the Truman administration or related military commanders in 1947 where known authentic directives are similar or have identical signatures.
4. Whose initials are "ELB"? This will identify where part of the directive was typed and where it was signed a critical aspect to testing the idea that both directives were prepared in the same office at the same time.
5. Perform typewriter comparisons between the two directives to show they were done with the same typewriter. If they are identical then the issue is who typed them both in 1947?
6. Find another copy of the Twining directive signed by Eisenhower from the archives in one of the other offices that are the CC distribution list.
7. Did Eisenhower and Marshall work in the same office? Or meet together early in July 4 - 7 and decide to send Twining to NM? Did Ike say to George, "please get the Wedemeyer cover story going right away can you write up the directives?" Or did Ike call Marshall and say "can you write me up a directive for Twining he is out in New Mexico on an important mission and I want to make sure there is no bureaucratic problems given the scope and importance of what he is dealing with.
8. Did Eisenhower write the Directive send it to Marshall with a note that said "this might be of help in writing up the Wedemeyer directive and when you're done send a copy along for the President to sign."

9. Understand the unique number system that is present on the Truman Twining directive. Look for paperwork evidence. Find the original signed Truman to Wedemeyer directive from the Marshall library.
10. Where physically were Twining, Marshall and Wedemeyer on July 4-9<sup>th</sup>. This bears on the how the memos might have become identical.

### Conclusions

On its own merits, the Directive to Lt. General Twining<sup>xii</sup> is authentic for the following reasons:

1. It was to be delivered by Special Courier, which is consistent with the fact that his plane had already left and he was in New Mexico doing the mission. Such an obscure fact adds to authenticity.
2. The \*\*\*TOP SECRET\*\*\* format is rare, especially given the file number 0020140. Note that it is sequentially correct for the White Hot report; furthermore, the attachment of a directive authorizing a mission is the type of procedure that is common.
3. The distribution list shown is the right group of organizations.
4. The signature appears authentic but without an original, it is impossible to conclude much more than that, hence the signature is not a discriminant for authenticity.
5. The typewriter is consistent in every way with the era.
6. The right hand edge blackout is consistent with filing systems of the time and links the document to other 00201XX numbered leaked Majestic documents.
7. The statistical and grammatical comparisons show that the memos are very different.

### Psywar Discussion – Is Faking Logical?

Why not fix errors in the “fake document to make it more credible” Who faked it and why? There are no realistic and credible answers as to why these documents would be faked. The memo attracts more espionage and fools no one given the wealth of other evidence about New Mexico events of 1947.

Could it be that Eisenhower sent Marshall his directive to Twining at Marshall’s office and then Marshall used it to create the *final* Wedemeyer directive? This is a possible scenario given the common wording. Both directives are linked by a cover story requirement of the importance of the New Mexico events and the pending leak as described in Marshall’s handwritten note of Friday July 4, 1947.

Both memos were sent to the President and signed with the pantograph thus explaining how the signatures became identical.

Is it logical or even remotely entertaining for anyone to have created such a fake to fool, confuse or obfuscate the truth that is so self-evident everywhere else a reasonable man looks?

## Attachments

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<sup>i</sup> Top Secret Eyes Only Directive to Lt. General Twining, July 9, 1947 signed by Truman

<sup>ii</sup> Memo from Connelly extracted from Wedemeyer Reports book.

<sup>iii</sup> Top Secret Directive to Lt. General Twining, July 8, 1947 by Eisenhower

<sup>iv</sup> Top Secret Memorandum for General Carter, State Department, 11 July 1947 from Humelsine (Hutchin)

<sup>v</sup> Top Secret Directive to Lt. General Wedemeyer, signed July 9, 1947, by Truman - Truman Presidential Library

<sup>vi</sup> Top Secret, Memorandum to the President, Subject: Mission of General Wedemeyer to China, 6-7 July 1947

<sup>vii</sup> Hand written note by Marshall on Friday July 4, 1947 to the President about Wedemeyer's China trip and "in view of evident leak pending"

<sup>viii</sup> Top Secret Memorandum for the President by Marshall, dated July 8, 1947 about Wedemeyer's mission to China that has the directive attached to it.

<sup>ix</sup> Top Secret, July 2, 1947 draft mission to China scope that includes a directive

<sup>x</sup> Top Secret Ultra Intelligence Assessment <http://www.majesticdocuments.com>

<sup>xi</sup> Top Secret directive to Twining on July 8, 1947 assigning him to go to New Mexico - leaked Salina, [www.majesticdocuments.com](http://www.majesticdocuments.com)

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TOP SECRET  
EYES ONLY

9 JUL 47

INSTRUCTIVE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL TWINING

You will proceed to the White Sands Proving Ground Command Center without delay for the purpose of making an appraisal of the reported unidentified objects being kept there. Part of your mission there will deal with the military, political and psychological situations - current and projected. In the course of your survey you will maintain liaison with the military officials in the area.

In making your appraisal it is desired that you proceed with detachment from any opinions or feelings expressed by personnel involved which do not conform to sound reasoning with regard to the possible outcome. In presenting the findings of your mission you should endeavor to state as concisely as possible your estimate of the character, extent, and probable consequences in the event that assistance is not given.

When your mission in New Mexico is completed you will proceed on a brief trip to the Sandia AEC facility to make an appraisal of the situation there, also of the reaction by the Los Alamos people involved. Before going to White Sands you will communicate with General Eisenhower to ascertain whether he desires you to proceed via Kirtland AFB.

You will take with you such experts, technicians, scientists and assistants as you deem necessary to the effectiveness of your mission.

Approved  
Harry Truman

July 9, 1947

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~~TOP SECRET~~DIRECTIVE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL WEBERMEYER

Your mission will proceed to China without delay for the purpose of making an appraisal of the political, economic, psychological and military situations — current and projected. In the course of your survey you will contact Chinese officials and leaders in business, cultural and political fields, and will maintain close liaison with American diplomatic and military officials in the area. In your discussions with Chinese officials and leaders in positions of responsibility you will make it clear that you are on a fact-finding mission and that the United States Government can consider assistance in a program of rehabilitation only if the Chinese Government presents satisfactory evidence of effective measures looking towards Chinese recovery and provided further that any aid which may be made available shall be subject to the supervision of representatives of the United States Government.

In making your appraisal it is desired that you proceed with complete objectivity and detachment from any feeling of prior obligation to support or further official Chinese programs which do not conform to good and feasible American policy with regard to China. In presenting the findings of your mission you should endeavor to state as concisely as possible your estimate of the character, extent, and probable consequences of assistance which you may recommend.

When your mission in China is completed you will proceed on a brief trip to Korea to make an appraisal of the situation there with particular reference to an economic aid program in Korea and its relation to general political and economic conditions throughout the country. Before going to Korea you will communicate with General MacArthur to ascertain whether he desires you to proceed via Tokyo.

You will take with you such experts, advisers and assistants as may be deemed necessary to the effectiveness of your mission.

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TO BE DELIVERED BY SPECIAL COURIER

DIRECTIVE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL TWINING

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You will take with you such experts, technicians, scientists and assistants as you deem necessary to the effectiveness of your mission.

Approved:

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

Date: 4 July 1947

DISTRIBUTION

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- 1/Cy Military Aide to the President
- 1/Cy Director, Office for Emergency Management
- 1/Cy Director of Central Intelligence Group
- 1/Cy Director of Intelligence, USA
- 1/Cy Director of Intelligence, USAAF
- 1/Cy Director, Office of Naval Intelligence
- 1/Cy Director, Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency
- 1/Cy Joint Intelligence Committee
- 1/Cy Director, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project

**TOP SECRET**

**MEMORANDUM TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL HENRIETT**



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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

11 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL CARRIER, STATE DEPARTMENT

1. Here are two copies of the directive to General Wedemeyer and signed by the President which are for your use and file.

2. General Wedemeyer would like very much to be able to retain the original. Unless you feel rather strongly about the matter and inasmuch as it is addressed to him, I will include it in his files which we take to China.

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Friday



My dear Mr. President:

I wanted to take up the attached with you at the Cabinet meeting but had to leave.

If you approve working, giving Wedemeyer rank as ambassador and selection

of mission I would suggest (in view of evident leak party)

immediate release.

OK [Signature]

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THE SECRETARY

My dear Mr. President:

I do not think there should  
be any publicity on this until  
the day before Wedemeyer's  
signature - unless a leak goes  
our hand.

I am drafting a press  
release for the White House.

WPM



Tuesday

July 8, 1947

My dear Mr. President:

I do not think there should be any publicity on this until the day before Wedemeyer's departure - unless a leak forces our hand.

I am drafting a press release for the White House.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

**Subject: Mission of General Wedemeyer to China**

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The Secretaries of War and Navy concur.

G. C. MARSHALL

Attachment:

Directive to Lt. General Wedemeyer.

A true copy of this document is being furnished to the President.

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I have carefully considered the subject which you discussed privately with me on Tuesday, July 1. I have not had, of course, sufficient time to determine in detail the instructions that I believe would be appropriate or the personnel required. Off the cuff, I suggest your consideration of the following:

A. DIRECTIVE

You will proceed to China without delay with the mission of making an appraisal of the political, economic, psychological and military situation, current and projected. You will contact appropriate Chinese officials and leaders in the course of your survey and maintain close liaison with American diplomatic and military officials in the area. [In your discussions with Chinese officials in positions of responsibility you are authorized to state categorically that the United States Government is prepared to assist realistically and immediately a program of rehabilitation and stabilization provided the Chinese Government stipulates, guarantees and accepts definitive supervisory measures to be maintained by representatives of the United States.]

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
B. PERSONNEL

It is my feeling that the group of assistants should be held to the minimum and all military members of the group should be required to wear civilian clothes. The principal function of every member of the mission, as I understand it, would be to obtain factual information on which you and the President could base appropriate action. My purpose, of course, is to minimize press reaction, particularly in foreign quarters, to the possible military significance of my mission. I should like to take the following individuals:

- 1. Captain James Boyle, presently my aide-de-camp

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DIRECTIVE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL HENNINGER

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Mission of General Wedemeyer to China

For some time we have been considering what action should be taken with regard to the rapidly deteriorating situation in China. We are and have been desirous of finding ways in which we could deal with the situation in a practical and beneficial manner. There can be no gainsaying the fact that the problem facing us is both complex and grave. Recommendations have been made as to the type and extent of aid, military and economic, we might give China but these recommendations have seemed to me to be based upon an unrealistic or insufficient appraisal of the facts, of the chances of real accomplishment, and of the far-reaching consequences of direct large-scale assistance.

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Attachments:

1. Directive to Lt. General Wedemeyer.
2. Draft of telegram to General MacArthur.

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DRAFT OF TELEGRAM TO GENERAL MacARTHUR

Wedemeyer is proceeding to China on a fact-finding mission within a few days. It is estimated that he and group of experts and assistants will be in China approximately six weeks. I should like to have your comment or suggestion that he return via Korea for a brief survey of current conditions there.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LOVETT:

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SUBJECT: CHINA

For some time I have been considering what action we should take with relation to the rapidly deteriorating situation in China. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the War and Navy Departments I believe, are strongly in favor of supporting the Chinese Government both in a military way and in relation to the economy of the country. I felt as did Vincent that the Chiefs of Staff paper was not quite realistic and solutions were offered which were somewhat impracticable, particularly as to implementation in China. Nevertheless, the situation is critical and it is urgently necessary I feel that we reconsider our policy to see what changes may be necessary if any, regarding our continuing action in regard to China.

For about two weeks I have had in mind the probable desirability of sending Wedemeyer to China with a few assistants to make a survey of the situation and to report back at as early a date as possible. He is generally familiar with the China state of affairs and particularly with the important officials, and he is greatly esteemed by the Generalissimo. It so happened that during the past three days his name has been proposed to me by three different people outside of the Department reciprocally representing the importance of doing something to clarify our situation with regard to China. I therefore brought Wedemeyer in quietly yesterday and discussed the situation with him, told him to think it over and come in today and give me his reactions. I had so little time to talk matters over with him today that, while I was up on the Hill I had him dictate a memorandum to me of his ideas of a draft of a directive, et cetera. This is attached. I might say now that a portion of his directive is not acceptable. It refers to the program of rehabilitation and stabilization; that is, I think its terms are too general and imply too much which may later prove embarrassing. However that is a mere detail.

Up to the present moment I have kept this matter of Wedemeyer entirely to myself and I think until I get your reaction it should be confined to the two of us. If you and I reach an agreement then I think it would be necessary to bring Vincent into the matter, but not until then.

Please look this over and let me have your reaction tomorrow. It need not be in writing.

G.C. MARSHALL  
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Individuals:

- 1. Captain James Boyle, presently my aide-de-camp

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INTERPLANETARY PHENOMENON UNIT SUMMARYINTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT File ref. 001947122-A.1206

1. The extraordinary recovery of fallen airborne objects in the state of New Mexico, between 4 July - 6 July 1947: This Summary was prepared by Headquarters Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit, Scientific and Technical Branch, Counterintelligence Directorate, as requested by A.C. of S., G-2, at the expressed order of Chief of Staff.

2. At 2332 MST, 3 July 47, radar stations in east Texas and White Sands Proving Ground, N.M., tracked two unidentified aircraft until both dropped off radar. Two crash sites have been located close to the WSPG. Site LZ-1 was located at a ranch near Corona, approx. 75 miles northwest of the town of Roswell. Site LZ-2 was located approx. 20 miles southeast of the town of Socorro, at Lat. 33-40-31, Long. 106-28-29, with Oscura Peak being the geographic reference point.

3. The AST personnel were mainly interested in LZ-2 as this site contained the majority of structural detail of the craft's airframe, propulsion and navigation technology. The recovery of five bodies in a damaged escape cylinder, precluded an investigation at LZ-1.

4. On arrival at LZ-2, personnel assessed the finds as not belonging to any aircraft, rocket, weapons, or balloon test that are normally conducted from surrounding bases. First reports indicated that the first crash investigators from Roswell AAF that LZ-1 was the remains of a AAF top secret MOGUL balloon project. When scientists



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 from the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory arrived to inspect LZ-2, it became apparent to all concerned that what had crashed in the desert was something out of this world.

5. Interviews with radar operators and officers from the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories, Fort Monmouth, N.J. were tracking these objects on-and-off since June 29 from Station "A", all indicated that these targets had periodically remained stationary for minutes at a time, then would resume their original course, flying from the southeast to northwest. SCEL antennas had locked onto a flight of three objects on 3 July and lost them around 2330 MST on 4 July (a V-2 was scheduled for launch which is why SCEL Station "A" was able to do a track). It has been learned that at least six radar stations in east Texas (see detailed report in attachment A), and radar stations at Alamogordo AAF and Kirtland AAF, had also picked up these objects on the 4th as well. Using topographical maps and triangulation, a last known position and bearing was calculated which helped search parties to locate the general area. Detachment 3 of the 9393rd Technical Services Unit, assigned to Alamogordo AAF, was responsible for the locating and transportation of the large sections of the craft.

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 6. A special radiobiological team accompanied by a SED and security detail from Sandia Base under orders from Colonel S. V. /HASBRONCK/ USA, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project, secured the immediate area surrounding the crash site. Select scientists from

the General Advisory Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission, most notably DR. J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER, was identified at LZ-2 as well as other members. Among PAPERCLIP specialist identified at LZ-2 were DR. WERNHER VON BRAUN (Fort Bliss); DR. ERNST STEINHOFF (AMC); and DR. HUBERTUS STRUGHOLD (AEROMEDICAL LAB, RANDOLPH FIELD).

7. Because of the stringent security measures that were in place at both crash sites, the team was not able to gain access to the several locations where wreckage and bodies are being held. CIC member of the team was able to learn that several bodies were taken to the hospital at Roswell AAF and others to either Los Alamos, Wright Field, Patterson AAF, and Randolph Field for security reasons. It is believed that this dispersion was on the orders of General Thomas Handy, Fourth Army Hqrs. Remains of the powerplant were taken to Alamogordo AAF and Kirtland AAF. Structural debris and ~~assorted items~~ were taken to AMC, Wright Field. Other remains were transported across the WSPG to the storage facilities of the NRL. All this was accomplished by 1730 MST 7 July.

8. On 7 July, Lt. General Nathan Twining arrived at Alamogordo AAF for a secret meeting with AAF Chief of Staff Spaatz and to view recovered remains of craft from LZ-2. On 8 July, Twining visited Kirtland AAF to inspect parts recovered from powerplant. On 9 July, Twining and staff flew to WSPG to inspect pieces of craft being stored there and on 10 July, made inspection of R&D facilities at Alamogordo and then returned to Wright Field. It is believed that Twining and staff is preparing a detailed report of both incidents and briefings later to follow. It is also the belief of CIC that General Eisenhower will see a showing of recoveries sometime in late August this year. The President was given a limited briefing

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at the Pentagon by AC/S AAF General Hoyt Vandenberg on 10 July 1947. FBI interest was curtailed and access to stored craft at Los Alamos was denied upon request of Deputy COS Lt. General Collins. Inquiries to bases involved was restricted by General Vandenberg during the duration of recovery efforts. All teletype, telephone and radio transmissions were monitored for any disclosures of the finds. To maintain secrecy of site LZ-2, the CO of Roswell AAF was authorized to give a brief press release to local paper in which 8th AF Hdqrs. promptly denied rumors that the Army had flying saucers in their possession which effectively killed press interest. Civilians who might have seen or handled some of the wreckage, or viewed bodies were detained under the McNab law until all remaining evidence was secured in restricted bases. Witnesses were debriefed by CIC and warned of the consequences of talking to the press. So far, secrecy seems to be working.

9. All civilian and military personnel involved with the recovery operations had "need to know" access with proper security clearances. Though several MPs suffered nervous breakdowns resulting in one committing suicide, MP details from Alamogordo and Kirtland performed security functions very well. Ground personnel from Sandia experienced some form of contamination resulting in the deaths of 3 technicians. The status of the fourth technician is unknown. Autopsies are scheduled to determine cause of death. CIC has made appropriate security file entries into dossiers with cross references for future reviews.

10. With the pending approval of JAMES FORRESTAL as new Secretary of Defense, it is certain that he will be briefed on certain aspects of the discoveries. The only Cabinet member to date that may know of the details is Secretary of State Marshall. It has become known to CIC that some of the recovery operation was shared with Representative

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*Liaison Committee Chairman  
approves 28/44*

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/JOHN F. KENNEDY, Massachusetts Democrat elected to Congress in 46. Son of JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government. KENNEDY had limited duty as naval officer assigned to Naval Intelligence during war. It is believed that information was obtained from source in Congress who is close to Secretary for Air Force.

11. As to the bodies recovered at LZ-2, it appeared that none of the five crew members survived entry into our atmosphere due to unknown causes. /DR. DETLEV BRONK/ has been asked to assist in the autopsy of one well preserved cadaver to be done by MAJOR CHARLES B. REA. From what descriptions the team was able to learn and from photographs taken by intelligence photographers, the occupants appear in most respects human with some anatomical differences in the head, eyes, hands and feet. They have a slight build about five feet tall, with grayish-pink skin color. They have no hair on their bodies and clothed with a tight fitting flight suit that appears to be fire proof (some of the bodies looked as if they had been burned on head and hands). Their overall stature reminds one of young children. It is believed that there were male and female genders present, but was hard to distinguish.

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12. The most disturbing aspect of this investigation was-- there were other bodies found not far from LZ-1 that looked as if they had been dissected as you would a frog. It is not known if army field surgeons had performed exploratory surgery on these bodies. Animal parts were reportedly discovered inside the craft at LZ-2 but this cannot be confirmed. The team has reserved judgement on this issue.

13. Our assessment of this investigation rests on two assumptions: 1) Either this discovery was an elaborate and well orchestrated hoax (maybe by the Russians), or; 2) Our country has played host to



beings from another planet.

14. Until more data can be acquired from other intelligence sources, it is the opinion of the team, that the investigation be expanded to include sources that might elucidate other possibilities not found by contemporary science. It is also recommended that appropriate budgets be allocated to facilitate future assignments that the unit may be called upon to perform. Until further orders, this investigation will continue.

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